Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we approach the end of 2020, I am grateful for this opportunity to reflect upon the first six months of my deanship. I am struck by the number of challenges we faced in 2020, and am grateful for and in awe of the ways in which our community—our faculty, staff, students, and alumni, met those challenges.

In these pages, you will read about the outstanding faculty efforts in the realm of online learning. We are lucky that we had a strong online program prior to the pandemic, and experienced faculty members who helped one another as, with short notice, we transformed all of our courses into an all-online format last Spring and Summer. Their expertise and commitment also created benefits for our Fall semester’s hybrid teaching format, which featured online courses, along with a full menu of in-person (and properly socially-distanced) course offerings.

The contributions of all of our staff members have been essential as we transitioned to all-online, then a hybrid format. Permit me to recognize, in particular, the roles of our extraordinary IT staff in providing support for online and in-person courses, online exams, and dozens of virtual online events and programs. You will see that they have been honored for their extraordinary efforts.

We must also commend our students for their resilience during this trying time. They continued their pro bono activities and student organizations offered programs for their members, all in a virtual environment.

You will also read about our school’s response to the racial tensions throughout our nation. Alumni and members of the local legal community (with the assistance of the IU McKinney Office of Diversity & Inclusion), gathered on Juneteenth for an event seeking an end to racial inequities and violence, as well as advocating for inclusivity and acceptance. IU McKinney students added their voices to the message, and many faculty, staff and students attended the event.

As you may know, Indiana University celebrated its bicentennial in 2020 and, while much of the celebration had to be cut short because of the pandemic, we are happy to report that we exceeded our fund-raising goal during the Bicentennial Campaign. We have included in this issue an account of that extraordinary effort. We are so very grateful to all who made contributions in support of our school. Because of you, we will be able to continue our mission of providing an exceptional legal education for upcoming generations of students.

I began my deanship under the strictures of the pandemic and have not yet had the opportunity to meet as many of you in person as I had hoped. Please know that I plan to rectify that situation as soon as it is safe to do so. I was able to “meet” many of you virtually, through several events, and we are planning more of those virtual gatherings in the upcoming Spring semester. Watch our website for more details.

Finally, I want to wish you all the best for a peaceful, happy, and most especially—a healthy 2021. I look forward to meeting you and sharing with you our plans to build upon the strong foundations of our school, and to make the next decade at IU McKinney even better than the last one!

Very truly yours,

Karen E. Bravo
Dean and Professor of Law
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Julie Roe Lach, ’04, Named Commissioner of the Horizon League

Julie Roe Lach, ’04, has been named the next commissioner of the Indianapolis-based Horizon League. She has served as deputy commissioner since 2014, and begins her new role in January 2021.

Prior to joining the Horizon League, Roe Lach spent more than 15 years at the NCAA, most recently serving as vice president of enforcement. She also founded JRL Consulting, where she focused on compliance education and advising for institutions and head coaches, and leadership development for female administrators. JRL Consulting merged with Church Church Hittle + Antrim to create CCH+A Collegiate Consulting. She continues to serve as managing principal and of counsel with the firm’s sports law practice.

Roe Lach is a former basketball player at Millikin University, where she was a First Team All-American and GTE Academic All-American. She received an honorary doctorate from Millikin University in 2012, and is a trustee emeritus of that institution. She is a member of the Board of Visitors.

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Professor George Edwards received the Sankofa Award from the National Bar Association on July 29, during its national convention, which took place in a virtual format.

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Johanna Leblanc, ’16, Named to UN List of 100 Most Influential People

Johanna Leblanc, ’16, was recognized in October as one of the 100 Most Influential People of African Descent in Government and Politics Under 40, during this year’s United Nations’ General Assembly.

In support of the “International Decade for People of African Descent,” proclaimed by the United Nations’ General Assembly, the “Most Influential People of African Descent” identifies high achievers in the public and private sectors from around the world.

Leblanc is the Senior Advisor to Haiti’s Ambassador to the United States and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Washington, D.C., where she promotes Haiti’s interests before Congress, the White House, and financial institutions. She also serves as a national security and foreign affairs legal analyst. She appears on television across Africa and the Middle East regularly for commentary on foreign policy-related matters. In addition, Leblanc consults on political and national security issues through her own consulting firm.

Leblanc received a Civil and Human Rights Law graduate certificate from IU McKinney when she graduated in 2016. She received an LL.M. in National Security and U.S. Foreign Relations Law from George Washington University Law School in 2018.
News Briefs

Jimmie McMillian, ‘02, Named Chief Diversity Officer for Penske Entertainment

Jimmie McMillian, ‘02, has been named chief diversity officer for Penske Entertainment Corp. He has served as senior corporate counsel for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and INDYCAR since 2016.

Known for his strong and consistent voice for diversity in the legal profession, in his new role, McMillian will lead Penske’s ongoing Race for Equality & Change initiative, which includes expansion of its relationship with NXG Youth Motorsports Inc., a nonprofit that introduces minority students to motorsports.

Before joining Hulman & Company in 2016, McMillian was a partner in the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg, serving in the litigation department. Immediately following law school, McMillian worked for two years as a law clerk for then-Indiana Supreme Court Justice Frank Sullivan, Jr.

McMillian was named to the 2018 list of Most Influential Black Lawyers by Savvy Magazine. He received the Maynard K. Hine Medal for service to the IUPUI campus in 2013. He was president of the law school’s alumni association in 2011-2012, and served as president of the Neal-Marshall Indiana University Alumni Association in 2013. He is currently president-elect of the Indianapolis Bar Association and will serve as president of that organization in 2021.

Doneisha Posey, ‘14, Honored for Professional and Civic Achievements

Doneisha Posey, ‘14, was honored as one of 12 Shining Stars by the Indianapolis Recorder and InnoPower, for her positive work in the community, at an event in August 2020.

Posey is Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Belonging at Ivy Tech Community College, where she works to ensure all students, staff, faculty, and community members have access and opportunity. She worked as an attorney with the Indiana Civil Rights Commission where she served as an administrative law judge and later as deputy director and general counsel. She has litigated before state and federal administrative agencies, including the Executive Office of Immigration Review within the Department of Justice and state and federal courts. Posey also teaches at IU McKinney Law as an adjunct professor.

The Indianapolis Business Journal named Posey to the Forty Under 40 class for 2020 as well, and she was named as Indy’s Best and Brightest by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana for 2020.

Posey serves as board chair for the Marion County Bar Association and is a member of the Indiana Latino Expo, Indiana Supreme Court Language Access Advisory Council, Indianapolis Urban League Exchange and the 2021 NBA All-Star Legacy Committee.

Professor Quigley, ‘87, Named ITLA’s Consumer Advocate of the Year

Professor Fran Quigley, ‘87, has been named the Consumer Advocate of the Year for 2020 by the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association. The honor is in recognition of his “tireless work on healthcare policy, specifically regarding the cost of, and access to, healthcare and prescription medications.” Professor Quigley was honored during the group’s 56th Annual Institute in November.

Professor Quigley is a clinical professor of law and teaches in the Health and Human Rights Clinic. Clinic students advocate for the rights of the poor, with a focus on individual and systemic barriers to accessing healthcare and the social determinants of health.

He is the author of several academic journal articles on social justice and human rights, multiple mass media articles and columns, and four books, including most recently, Prescription for the People: An Activist’s Guide to Making Medicine Affordable for All (Cornell University Press, 2017). Prior to joining the law school, he served as the first Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Julia Carson and as the executive director of ACLU of Indiana. He edits the newsletter Faith in Healthcare.
Karen Bravo Named Dean of IU McKinney Law
By Rebecca Trimpe

Karen E. Bravo began her duties as dean of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law on July 1, 2020. Dean Bravo is the first person of color and the second woman in the school’s history to lead the urban-based institution. She is the 13th dean of the law school since its affiliation with IU in 1944.

Dean Bravo joined the IU McKinney faculty in 2004 and has served in several leadership roles, both within the law school and on the IUPUI campus. She became vice dean in Fall 2018. In the following interview, Dean Bravo shares her thoughts about becoming dean at IU McKinney, her vision for the law school, and a little about herself.

Why do you want to lead IU McKinney?
I wanted to become dean of a law school, particularly this law school, because I believed that I was ready to play a larger institutional role, to affect the bigger picture. I “grew up” at McKinney as an academic, and as an administrative leader—and although I love the classroom and the instructional role, I wanted to make a different kind of impact by being in a leadership role. I think I am ready to face new challenges. I have grown to love Indianapolis, IU McKinney, and the IUPUI campus. It’s a terrific place for a variety of reasons.

What does it mean to you to be the first person of color, and only the second woman, to lead IU McKinney?
Being the first, there’s always the weight of history, a sense of ‘we can’t let future people of color and women down.’ I feel a sense of responsibility to do well, and awareness that my role, my time as dean, will affect others down the road. While I feel the weight of history, I think that it is a little bit sad that it is the year 2020, yet I’m a first. It indicates that there is more work to be done. Despite this conflicted response, I recognize that my appointment also provides an opportunity. As we look around the country, at the demands of the people in our country, they want something to be done to improve justice and equity in our society. I hope that my identity and appointment to this position will help play a role in helping to respond to those demands.

You are becoming the leader of a law school during a time of tremendous upheaval. What is it you hope that students will take away with them as they begin their professional lives after law school?
In a time of crisis, I hope students learn that the legal profession and the train-
ing they get at law school, prepares them to lead, to analyze, and to problem solve. Their legal education prepares them to respond to crisis. The flexibility and creativity of our faculty and staff, responding to the crisis in a student-centered way, should provide an example to our students about how to focus on their clients, those they will serve. I hope they will recognize the role of law is essential to a society’s response to crises.

What is your vision and what are your goals for the school?

My vision for the law school is for us to build upon the institution’s existing strong foundation. I place a high priority on student success, to ensure that all students have a rigorous educational experience with many opportunities to develop their professional identities. I want to make sure we provide diversity, equity, and inclusion, and that these values are embedded in the way in which we teach. Additionally, I want to make sure that IU McKinney continues to be a nexus for the legal community in Indianapolis as well as throughout Indiana.

I also have a goal for the law school to engage in strategic planning that connects our community—faculty, staff, students, alumni, and others with whom we work. While this may have become more challenging because of COVID-19, it is important to our future. I want to involve us as a community, working together to confirm our mission and our vision for the future, to lay out steps for what we will do over the next five years to get to that future, and to hold ourselves accountable to make sure we are taking those steps.

I believe in the transformative power of legal education. It transforms the lives of our students, which in turn impacts the lives of their clients and our communities. In this way, we are helping to form the future for our state, our country, and our world.

What are your teaching and research interests, and how will you continue to pursue these endeavors while you are serving as dean?

My research and teaching interests are different facets of the interrelationship of international law, business, and human trafficking. The underlying commonality is the structural role of law and the impact of economic forces: Institutions that are created by law and the doctrines that we accept and invent, and how they play out in people’s lives. I’ve written about trade law, human trafficking and slavery and, more recently, about business and human rights. I seek to understand the law in these different areas, ways that the law can provide opportunities for people to advance. I’ve been thinking of the way people are adversely affected by the consequences of human trafficking, the structural inequality that leaves people vulnerable. Law, on its own, is inadequate to prevent harm or provide remedies. We therefore need to have an interdisciplinary perspective on its roles.

It will be challenging to continue this work. I have created a network, the Slavery Past, Present and Future initiative. We’ve met four times over the span of five years and brought together scholars from a variety of disciplines. The meeting was canceled this year because of the pandemic, but our plan is to meet in 2021. With respect to my teaching, much will depend on the demands of the decanal job. I will not teach this year but, in future years, I hope to be able to teach a seminar so that I can continue to be connected with the students while fulfilling my administrative and leadership roles.

What drew you to a career in law, and then into the legal academy?

I was drawn to the law and law school because I wanted to do further studies to better understand the world, and to engage my mind. I did not know much about the U.S. legal system as an immigrant, and I wanted to learn more about how the world worked. My legal education gave me the opportunity to transform my life. I was living in New York City, and wanted to have an exciting, challenging and meaningful profession. The thirst for knowledge and for understanding drew me into an academic role. Entering into the legal academy, I was drawn by the opportunity to have challenges, to write and think about the big picture legal and societal issues that interested and puzzled me. The intellectual life drew me, the opportunity to engage with students, and to continue to learn from them and from my colleagues.

What was your favorite law school class when you were a student and why?

There were two: International Law and Native American Law, or Federal Indian Law. International law helps you to understand the wider world. If you have an understanding of international law, you can understand the broader flow of history, and why leaders and countries behave in the ways they do. To do international law well, you must engage with history, sovereignty, and other key foundational concepts that are embedded in our way of thinking. You gain insights into the ways in which our contemporary reality is built upon constructs created in the past—constructs and structures that continue to guide the interaction of countries, sometimes without awareness of or a deep inquiry into the reasons for their existence. In international law there may be no clear answers. Or, if there are clear answers, there may be an inability to implement those answers or to affect events because of other doctrines. It trains you to be comfortable in the space of uncertainty.

I took Native American Law because I had gone to Australia to do an externship with an organization that worked with Australia’s Aboriginal people. I realized that I didn’t know much about America’s first people, aside from stereotypes learned from watching television as a child. I didn’t really understand that history, that parallel system of law within the U.S.

If you hadn’t gone into law, what would have been your profession?

I would have been an historian/anthropologist, that’s probably what I would have wanted to do. I don’t feel that I gave that up, however, as law is also a study of human dynamics. The law gives you the opportunity to continue to engage with those subject areas. You can explore the reasons why we have a law or policy in support of or against a particular thing. Social sciences give you a wonderful background to understand law. It’s the perfect profession for me.

Please tell us about IUPUI Next Generation 2.0 and your involvement in creating that program. Why was it important to you?

In 2009 – 2011, there was a Next Generation leadership program on the IUPUI campus. However, when I tried to apply in 2012, I found that it no longer existed. Nevertheless, I was able to attend the Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Bryn Mawr Summer Institute in 2013 with Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Gina Sánchez.
Gibau. While participating in the institute, we were so impressed by the expansion of and transformation in our knowledge and understanding of leadership and of higher education that we wanted to bring this experience to our campus. We realized that the vast majority of faculty and staff on campus would not be able to take part in the HERS Institute, both because of the expense, and because of its residential nature (we spent two to three weeks in residence at Bryn Mawr College). We thought, “why don’t we create something new for the campus?” We wanted to provide leadership opportunities for faculty and staff.

The original Next Gen program was focused on traditionally underrepresented faculty members. We wanted to break down the horizontal and vertical silos on the campus. The horizontal silos are the division/lack of understanding of roles between faculty and staff, and the vertical silos are the lack of interaction by staff and faculty with their counterparts in other schools or units on the campus. We collaborated with Kathy Grove, Director of the Office for Women (and an aluma of IU McKinney), spending a lot of time strategizing, planning, and lobbying for the creation of the program. We also formed an advisory board whose members provided additional and crucial insights and connections. Our goals were the retention and advancement of faculty and staff, and the advancement of women and minoritized groups into positions of leadership in higher education. Our goals for the Next Gen program aligned with the strategic goals that Chancellor Nasser Paydar had for campus. It’s been extremely gratifying to participate in the implementation of Next Generation 2.0 at IUPUI, and to witness how deeply the campus has embraced the initiative.

What is your fondest memory of your first 16 years at the law school?
My fondest memory is of coming to the call-back interview to join the faculty of the law school. My daughter was less than a year old, and I was still nursing her. Susie Mead, who was interim dean at the time, had set up a schedule so that I could have time to care for her. After I received the job offer, my family came with me to visit Indianapolis and learn more about the city. I had had no opportunity to go shopping for the sudden downturn in the weather. Professor María Pabón, who is now at the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, brought a pair of booties for the baby. Both of those things gave me a real sense of the character of my potential future colleagues, and of this institution.

Can you tell us a little about your family?
I have a 17-year-old who is a junior in high school, and a 10-year-old who is a fifth-grader. Both girls. We are an immigrant family. My husband is Australian and is an anthropologist. I’m Jamaican. And our children are second-generation, and completely Hoosier-ized.

What is your favorite food?
My favorite American food is apple pie. I fell in love after having my first slice. My favorite Jamaican food is ackee and saltfish; it’s the national dish. One of the interesting things about it is that if it’s not properly prepared, it’s poisonous. Unfortunately, I can’t really eat it anymore. I think I’ve developed an allergy or adverse reaction to it. Even so, I’ve been known to have a tiny little bit when given the opportunity.

Can you tell us about the place you first called home?
I grew up in Jamaica, in a suburb of Kingston, which is the capital city. It was absolutely beautiful, with views of the mountains, lush greenery and, of course, the ever-present sea. As a child and young adult, I didn’t realize its beauty until I had traveled away and had opportunities for comparison. I received rigorous education there—from “baby school” through earning my B.A. from the University of the West Indies—that prepared me well for future studies.

What is your favorite movie?
There are two: Shawshank Redemption, and Love Actually. One is clearly more “serious” than the other. They have in common the depiction of the human drama, and interconnectedness and ups and downs of people’s lives. You’ll notice that both have a feel-good ending. I’m attracted to the escapism, probably because of the intense subjects that I focus on in academic research and writing, as well as my more casual reading.

What is your favorite book?
As a kid, I loved Anne of Green Gables. I loved it so much that, when we lived in Boston, we took the pilgrimage to Prince Edward Island to visit Avonlea and the real Green Gables. The character, Anne, was someone who was very different from me. I was a very law-abiding child. She was not. She was an outsider (who overcame her outsider status), she hated her red hair, she was not afraid to be herself. She had all kinds of adventures. She was a lover of books, poetry and reading, as I was, but she got into lots of scrapes. I enjoyed the vicarious adventures and being transported to another time and way of life. Two other books had a huge impact on me after I came to the United States: James Baldwin’s Go Tell it On the Mountain and Toni Morrison’s The Bluest Eye. Through them, I began to gain insights into the United States.

What are your favorite television shows, past or present?
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, Call the Midwife and The Durrells in Corfu on PBS. Currently, if I have time, I toggle among Grace and Frankie, Kim’s Convenience, and Gentefied on Netflix.

Do you have any pets at home?
We have two guinea pigs and three cats. There are two very allergic people in our family, so the cats have their outdoor apartment, a “catio,” that a friend of ours constructed especially for them. The guinea pigs are usually being carted around by my younger daughter or hanging out in their habitat. We had a tortoise last summer, but he managed to run away. (Funny story!) We had hoped to find him in the backyard this Spring or Summer after hibernation, but no luck so far. We reckon that he’s miles away by now. We recently adopted a Beagle named Lucky. His middle name is “McKinney,” so he could rightly be considered the “McKinney Legal Beagle!”
Cynthia Adams Named Vice Dean

Karen E. Bravo, Dean of the IU McKinney School of Law, appointed Clinical Professor of Law Cynthia Adams, ’83, to the position of Vice Dean, effective July 1, 2020.

Vice Dean Adams manages curriculum and scheduling for the law school’s J.D., LL.M., M.J. and S.J.D academic programs, as well as faculty affairs. She also oversees international programs.

“Vice Dean Adams has consistently demonstrated excellent leadership at IU McKinney and in service to the local and national legal profession and community,” Dean Bravo said. “We are very grateful for her willingness to serve the law school in this new capacity, particularly in a time of unprecedented challenges.”

Adams is co-author of two books: A Practical Guide to Drafting Contracts: From Concept to Closure (2d ed., Wolters Kluwer 2020), and The Guide to U.S. Legal Analysis and Communication (3d ed. forthcoming, Wolters Kluwer 2021). Over the years, she has made numerous presentations nationally and internationally on transactional issues, related ADR issues, and transactional pedagogy. She is a certified mediator focusing on transactional matters.

Vice Dean Adams serves on the Executive Board of the Indianapolis Bar Association’s Business Law Section. She is active in national organizations, including the Association of Legal Writing Directors and the Legal Writing Institute. Over the years, she has served on and chaired numerous committees, working on national conferences and workshops focused on leadership, diversity, and inclusion. Noted for her scholarship in legal skills-building, Professor Adams is a member of the Governing Board on LWI’s Sirico Scholars’ Workshop, which mentors law scholars.

She was one of the first faculty members to receive Indiana University’s Trustee’s Teaching Award in recognition of teaching excellence and is a four-time recipient of the school’s Teaching Excellence Recognition Award. She has taught Secured Transactions, Contract Drafting, Negotiations, Small Business Planning, Legal Communication and Analysis, Integrated Contracts, Civil Procedure, and Trusts and Estates.

Additionally, Vice Dean Adams has coached successful transactional negotiation teams in the National Transactional LawMeet Competition. She created an online course “Philosophy of Law: Logic and Legal Reasoning,” which is taught as part of the law school’s Pathway to the Law Program and offered in conjunction with IUPUI’s Department of Philosophy to undergraduates.

Before joining the law school faculty, Vice Dean Adams practiced law with an Indianapolis firm, specializing in general corporate law, acquisitions and mergers, commercial loans, and trusts and estates.

Mike Pitts Continues in Vice Dean Role

Mike Pitts is continuing as a Vice Dean at IU McKinney, working with Dean Karen Bravo. He was first appointed Vice Dean in July of 2018 by then-Dean Andy Klein. Vice Dean Pitts’ assignments include serving as the administration’s primary liaison for the Offices of Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, Academic and Bar Success, Professional Development and Technology’s primary liaison for the Offices of Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, Academic and Bar Success, Professional Development and Technology.”

Vice Dean Pitts joined the law school faculty in the Fall of 2006 after serving for one year as a visiting assistant professor at the University of Nebraska College of Law. From 2001 to 2005, he practiced as a trial attorney in the Voting Section of the United States Department of Justice. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Georgetown Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif and served as an associate editor of THE GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable C. Arlen Beam, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism.

Vice Dean Pitts’ scholarly work focuses on the law of democracy, particularly voting rights and election administration. His work has been cited in law reviews, political science journals, briefs, federal and state judicial opinions, and congressional testimony. He is also a co-author of an election law casebook titled Election Law Litigation (Aspen 2014).

He has been named a John S. Grimes fellow three times (2008-09, 2009-10, 2011-12), a Dean’s Fellow in recognition of scholarly excellence eight times (2007-14), and he was elected to the American Law Institute (ALI) in 2014. He has been quoted by The Associated Press and The New York Times, and has appeared on CNN and C-SPAN.

Vice Dean Pitts, who teaches election law, civil procedure, and evidence, is a two-time winner of the Red Cane Award for Best New Professor (2008 and 2009), a two-time winner of the Black Cane Award for Best Professor (2010 and 2014). He also is a recipient of a Trustee’s Teaching Award (2010).
Andrew R. Klein joined the faculty in 2000 and became Dean in the summer of 2013. He also holds the title of Paul E. Beam Professor of Law. From 2010-13, Professor Klein served as Chief of Staff to the Office of the Chancellor and as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at IUPUI. From 2004-07, he served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at IU McKinney. He is the third-longest serving dean of the school since its affiliation with IU in 1944.

Before joining IU, he taught at Samford University’s Cumberland School of Law and practiced with the Chicago firm of Sidley & Austin. Former Dean Klein earned a B.A. with distinction in journalism and economics from the University of Wisconsin and a J.D. with distinction from the Emory University School of Law, where he studied as a Robert W. Woodruff Fellow in Law and was editor-in-chief of the Emory Law Journal.

He is a member of the American Law Institute and serves on the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools’ section on Torts and Compensation Systems. He also has served as Reporter for the Seventh Circuit United States Court of Appeals Civil Jury Instructions Committee and is a Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis and Indiana Bar Foundations. In addition, Professor Klein is a dedicated classroom teacher who has won ten student teaching awards during his career. He has also been a national lecturer on tort law for BarBri Bar Review. He plans to return to teaching following his decanal leave during the 2020-21 academic year.

We talked to Professor Klein, as he reflected on his years as dean at IU McKinney Law

Q: Looking back at your tenure as Dean, what are a few accomplishments or endeavors that are you are most pleased with?

A: I don’t look back at my tenure in terms of personal accomplishments. Every positive thing that happened at the law school during the past seven years was due to efforts by McKinney faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Listing examples is impossible, as I could not do so without excluding people who deserve praise. Suffice it to say that the McKinney Law family consists of talented, generous people doing incredible things for the community and for one another. I would like to think that I created an environment in which those things could happen. But maybe I helped by just staying out of the way!
Q: What (if anything) about the job surprised you? What did you enjoy the most?

A: I was surprised by the degree to which the school and its alumni impact the world around us. Not completely surprised—I have been part of our school for a long time and was aware of the role that we play in the city and state. But being dean showed me that the impact is even broader and more powerful than I ever had imagined.

I truly enjoyed the experience of representing our school in a wide variety of settings. During my seven years as dean, I came to know amazing people that I otherwise would not have met—from alumni who lead law firms and businesses to Supreme Court justices, to members of Congress, to leaders of advocacy groups, to scholars and officials from across the globe.

I also enjoyed working more closely with the McKinney Law staff. We have a phenomenally talented group of people here who not only make the “trains run on time,” but who care deeply about serving our students. I hope everyone on the team knows how grateful I am for all they do. I also worry that I have been spoiled. I hope I can function in the future without their support every day!
Q: What are your plans for the next chapter? What are you most looking forward to?

A: My plan is to be a law professor again!

I entered academics from private practice 28 years ago because I wanted to teach students. That is something I have done very little of while serving as Dean and in other administrative roles. I can’t wait to teach first-year Torts again. It is really exciting to meet talented new students and introduce them to the foundations of our discipline and profession.

I am revising my casebooks and teaching materials and am starting other writing projects.

I was supposed to be a Visiting Fellow at Clare Hall and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge Law Faculty in England this year (an appointment he also held in 2007). Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, that did not happen, at least not during the Fall semester. It is disappointing, but when you see what is happening around the world, mine is a very small problem. 🎟️
On October 2, 2020, the IU McKinney School of Law announced a significant $4 million gift from alumnus Steve Tuchman, ’71, and his husband, Reed Bobrick. The gift will support the creation of an endowed scholarship and an endowed professorship to further the school’s commitment to diversity and inclusion. In honor of their contribution, the atrium in the law school building, Lawrence W. Inlow Hall, will be named the Steve Tuchman and Reed Bobrick Atrium.

“On behalf of IUPUI, I want to thank Steve and Reed for this generous gift that reflects how deeply we value diversity and inclusion on our campus. The combination of an endowed scholarship and an endowed professorship that the gift supports will open doors of opportunity for students and faculty alike to further strengthen the McKinney School of Law as a destination for those committed to social justice and equity for all,” said IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar.

The endowed scholarship will be available to students pursuing a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree at the IU McKinney School of Law. Special consideration will be given to underrepresented populations, including but not limited to members of the LGBTQ community, immigrants, first-generation Americans, financially challenged students, and/or students with diverse cultural experiences. “Steve thoroughly enjoys being a mentor to IU McKinney law students, many of whom have been so inspiring to us,” Bobrick said. “We are especially pleased that the school has had an excellent track record when it comes to issues of diversity, and we are certain that will continue.”

The endowed professorship is intended for an individual or individuals whose work is in advancing LGBTQ rights and issues, reproductive rights and issues, and/or immigration law practice and policy. “This generous and historically significant gift has the potential to be truly transformational for our law school. Each year, IU McKinney produces legal professionals and future leaders who contribute to their communities, the state of Indiana, and the world. We are delighted that Steve and Reed have chosen to invest in that future and that their generosity will be recognized within Inlow Hall. I look forward to the daily reminders of their generosity as I walk through our magnificent atrium,” said law school dean, Karen E. Bravo.

“Many years ago, I recognized the potential and the value of this law school, located in our state capitol, in a city that was beginning to make things happen. It all worked out very well—for Indianapolis, for
IU McKinney School of Law, and for me,” Tuchman said. “Now, the
time is right to give back and help plan for the future.”

“Steve and Reed have been unfailing in their support of our stu-
dents for many years. We are very grateful to them for being such re-
markable role models, for their past generosity and for this new gift
which will have a lasting impact,” said Andrew R. Klein, Paul E. Beam
Professor of Law and former dean of the school.

Steve Tuchman, B.A. ’68, J.D., ’71, is a Director with Lewis Kappes
and his practice focuses primarily upon a wide variety of immigration
and nationality issues with vast experience in employment and family
related matters, employer sanctions, enforcement and removal cases,
and naturalization cases. In 2004 he was named as a Sagamore of the
Wabash. In 2014 he was awarded the Hine Medal for significant im-
 pact to the IUPUI campus. In 2015 he was designated as the Alumnus
of the Year by the Indiana University GLBT Alumni Association, and
in 2018 he was inducted into the Indiana University Presidents Circle.

In addition, Tuchman has been a Commissioner on the Indianapo-
olis Historic Preservation Commission and is active in the Indianapolis
arts community, having served as a Commissioner on the Indiana Arts
Commission, Chairman of the American Cabaret Theatre’s Board of
Directors, and has represented clients in the sports and entertainment
fields. He serves as the Honorary Consul for Denmark in Indiana and
Kentucky and has been knighted by Her Majesty Margrethe II, Queen
of Denmark. He also was recognized by the McKinney School of Law
at the 2019 IUPUI Spirit of Philanthropy luncheon.

Tuchman and his husband, Reed Bobrick, have already made a sub-
stantial gift commitment to the law school in 2013 to create the Tuchman
Bobrick Scholarship. Bobrick is a graduate of Clark University and a found-
ing partner and the principal designer for Misch Bobrick Design LLC.

“We intend this gift to ignite the potential for further growth and
opportunity among students and faculty at IU McKinney,” Tuchman
said. “It is up to the fantastic stewards of the future to make good use
of this gift and continue the progress that has been made. We are
pleased to be part of that effort.”

This gift counts toward the $3 billion For All: The Indiana Univer-
sity Bicentennial Campaign.

“Steve and Reed are providing a transformative gift to the McK-
inney School. They are providing support for the two key pillars of
excellence—faculty and students. By supporting faculty who focus on
teaching and research on matters related to social justice and by pro-
viding scholarship assistance for LGBTQ and other underrepresented
students, this gift provides visible reinforcement of the school’s val-
ues,” said Dan Smith, President and CEO of the Indiana University
Foundation. “And, having Steve and Reed’s names associated with the
McKinney atrium will inspire and bring a sense of pride to all stu-
dents, staff and guests who frequent that stunning space,” he added.◆
For All: The Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign

The For All: Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign was the first time that all schools within IU were part of the same fund raising campaign. Because of the incredible generosity of so many alumni and friends, the university-wide campaign raised an astounding $3.9 billion for IU and concluded on September 30, 2020.

At IU McKinney Law, $19.8 million was raised to support students, faculty, and programs. Every gift received during the campaign counted toward the campaign totals, according to Nan Edgerton, IU McKinney Law Assistant Dean for Development.

“This was truly an extraordinary accomplishment by our supporters,” she said.

Former McKinney Dean Andrew R. Klein, Paul E. Beam Professor of Law, echoed her assessment of the eight-year campaign.

“Thanks to our generous IU McKinney alumni, faculty, staff, and friends, the Bicentennial Campaign, by any measure, was a resounding success,” Professor Klein said. “It was an honor to be part of such an incredible effort. The results will help secure a bright future for our school for generations to come.”
IU McKinney Law focused on four main priorities during the For All: Indiana University Bicentennial Campaign:

- Fostering student success
- Expanding experiential and skills learning
- Enhancing faculty excellence
- Providing general support

“We owe deep gratitude to the alumni and friends of IU McKinney for their generosity during this history-making Bicentennial Campaign,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “Their generosity has created a lasting and sustainable legacy that will have an enormous impact.”

“To our Bicentennial Campaign donors, I say ‘thank you.’ You have helped ensure the future success of IU McKinney, generated support for our outstanding faculty, and made the dream of law school more affordable for future generations of lawyers and leaders.”

IU McKinney Law Bicentennial Campaign Steering Committee
Special thanks to these alumni who served on the school's campaign committee:

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- James M. Barkley, ’77, Of Counsel, Simon Property Group
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*Posthumous Recognition
New Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards for IU McKinney Law Students

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- Health Law Scholarship
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Andrew R. Klein Scholarship
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Mike and Annie Wells Legal Scholarship

New Programmatic Accounts at IU McKinney Law
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New Professorships for IU McKinney Law Faculty
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Mary Beth Ramey Professorship
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William T., Laura M., and Judith G. Palmer Scholarship
Robert F. Wagner Trial Advocacy-Diversity Scholarship
What does it take to transform a mostly brick-and-mortar law school into an online operation in less than two weeks? 

IU McKinney School of Law—like most across the country—had to figure that out when the COVID-19 pandemic closed the doors to in-person teaching in late March. 

Fortunately, IU McKinney was already well-positioned to take emergency action, according to the law school’s Director of Online Learning, Professor Max Huffman. The law school has had an ongoing commitment to distance learning and an information and technology (IT) team that didn’t hit pause in its quick work to help faculty and students get online. 

“The response of our staff and faculty was extraordinary, as was our IT department. We couldn’t run the law school without the IT team, even before this crisis,” Professor Huffman said. 

That team, led by Assistant Dean of Technology Services Terri Cuellar and including Andrew Bell, Brianna Garr-Bland, Darius Price, Brian Singleton, Michelle Werner and Jason Yavor are generally always busy with faculty and staff needs, from trouble-shooting hardware and software issues to setting up for large-scale events requiring audio-visual equipment. 

Within hours of the announcement that all classes would be online for the rest of the spring semester, the IT team began collaborating with Professor Huffman...
Huffman Receives Faculty Leadership Award

IU McKinney Faculty present awards to their colleagues on an annual basis to recognize special efforts on the part of the coworkers. At the end of the spring semester, Professor Max Huffman received a 2020 Faculty Leadership Award for his work on many fronts, but he was especially commended for his leadership in the transition of the school to online learning during the pandemic.

“Under the leadership of Professor Max Huffman, IU McKinney has been an innovator in online legal education for a number of years,” said then-Vice Dean Karen Bravo.

The selection committee noted, “In his capacity of the Director of Online Learning, Max has helped us, as a faculty, know what to wear and how to elevate our screens for online teaching, how to take baby steps and to be brave, and, most important, how to be comfortable, prepared, and connected as we approached the online learning environment for spring of 2020 and beyond.”

Students were on an extended Spring break, but when they returned and classes resumed online, they expressed few concerns about coping with the technology aspect, according to Cueller. “It’s just a sign of the times,” she said. “Our students are very comfortable with technology.”

“This is a real lawyering skill, to handle this kind of disruption,” Huffman said. “Lawyers around the world have had to adjust to this new normal.”

“I have the best team, no doubt,” Cueller said. “They respond to every request with respect. We get the job done.”

In April, the entire IT staff was recognized with the Outstanding Administrative Staff Award. Traditionally, the award recognizes a single member of the school’s administrative staff whose support and dedication to excellence has furthered the school’s mission, but in announcing the award, the IU McKinney Faculty Executive Committee noted that, “It is hard to imagine how we could have made it through this year without the truly remarkable efforts of this extraordinary group.”

(OPPOSITE) Technology staff members received 2020 Outstanding Administrative Staff Awards at a ceremony in the courtyard at Inlow Hall on November 4. Front row: Darius Price, Assistant Dean Terri Cuellar, Brianna Garr-Bland and Brian Singleton. Second row: Dean Karen Bravo, Jason Yavor, Michelle Werner, Andrew Bell, Vice Dean Mike Pitts, and Vice Dean Cynthia Adams.
(ABOVE) Members of the IT staff: (top row) Jason Yavor, Darius Price, Michelle Werner; (second row) Terri Cuellar, Andrew Bell, Brianna Garr-Bland; and (bottom) Brian Singleton.
Entire Building Services Staff Honored with Smith Award

For their heroic efforts at keeping Inlow Hall cleaned and sanitized during the pandemic, the entire building services staff was honored with the 2020 Ed Smith “Above and Beyond” Award. All members of the building services team have gone above and beyond to keep the building safe for students, faculty and staff. Smith Award recipients included Amber Anderson, Diane Booker, Cornelius Evans, Felicia Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Lisa Marshall, Deborah Martin, Karen Murphy, Eric Perdue, Iesha Smith and Shannon Stone.

The Smith Award was established in 2014 in honor and memory of Ed Smith, who served as a member of the law school’s building services team for 25 years, from 1975-2000. Ed always went “above and beyond” in carrying out his duties and could be counted upon for a good story and a kind word. He was a friend to the entire law school family. Smith received the campus-wide “Experience Excellence Award” while working at the law school.

Initiative Aimed at Helping New Lawyers

IU McKinney faculty, staff, and alumni took part in a program aimed at supporting newly-licensed lawyers as they begin their practices amid the pandemic and economic fallout. “Vision 2020 Going Forward: How to See Yourself Through This,” was a collaboration of the Indiana State Bar Association, Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, the Indiana Supreme Court, and local bar associations across the state.

The initiative, the idea for which came from Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush, and Indiana State Bar Association President Leslie Hendezahs, ’90, was a four-part series offered online over eight weeks. Topics included navigating the challenges of beginning your career during a pandemic; coping with the stress of becoming a new lawyer; perspectives from a variety of legal professionals; networking and professional development for new lawyers; opportunities to be matched with a mentor and more.

Former Dean Andrew R. Klein moderated a session to kick off the series. He gathered some IU McKinney alumni who were students or who graduated in 2011 or 2012 to serve as panelists. The panel offered their tips and suggestions for new lawyers who are beginning their careers now.

“The discussion made me think about the period right after the Great Recession and some students/grads who successfully navigated challenges entering the profession at that time,” Dean Klein said. “They did a great job.”

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Chasity Thompson, ’02, also took part in a panel discussion as part of the series, as did Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David, ’82. All of the participants shared contact information, Justice David noted, and all of the new ISBA admittees were matched with a mentor.

The message from Justice David was one of encouragement and hope. “You will get through this,” he told the participants. “It’s OK to not be OK in these times.”

ISBA Young Lawyers Section Chair Beau Zoeller, ’12, also was part of the program. He, like the 2020 graduates, completed his law school education during a turbulent economic time.

“Navigating uncertainty and a tough job market is stressful. I knew, aside from academic performance, I needed to show involvement and network as much as possible,” Zoeller said. “The opportunities were not going to find me, rather I had to find them and take advantage of the resources available, so I got involved in the Indiana State Bar Association on multiple levels and began taking every networking opportunity there was, including just reaching out to people.”

Zoeller recognizes that networking is different now than it was when he graduated from IU McKinney, and he encouraged all new lawyers to take advantage of virtual opportunities to connect with their more seasoned peers in the profession.

“I hope recent graduates understand that they are not alone and that the legal community is strong in Indiana,” Zoeller said. “There are numerous people and resources available and at their fingertips; all they have to do is reach out and take advantage of those resources and opportunities.”
Signs of the Times

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP RIGHT:

Assistant Dean Chasity Thompson and Senior Associate Director for Student Affairs, Heather Grimstad, are masked and socially distanced, and ready to help students.

The campus supplied signage for school use.

Classrooms were reconfigured to follow university social distancing guidelines. Vice Dean Mike Pitts oversaw those efforts throughout the building. Each classroom is stocked with cleaning/sanitizing supplies. McKinney and Justice, the law school’s Legal Beagles, demonstrate appropriate social distancing.

Furniture was removed from the Ruth Lilly Law Library to aid in physical distancing. McKinney and Justice show off their IU masks.

The university provided guidelines regarding social distancing, masks and testing during the beginning days of the COVID pandemic. Campus buildings were closed and sanitized during the summer months.

The law school’s new dean, Karen Bravo, and Vice Deans Cynthia Adams and Mike Pitts, set a good example for mask wearing in Inlow Hall. From left: Adams, Bravo and Pitts.
IU McKinney faculty and students have been ahead of the curve when it comes to online learning, even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic that caused a worldwide disruption to higher education during the Spring 2020 semester.

Over the past four years, the law school has made important investments in online teaching and learning, thanks to the efforts of IU McKinney faculty and the help of IU’s instructional designers.

Taught by award-winning faculty who now have, collectively, logged thousands of hours of course design and teaching experience, IU McKinney online offerings aren’t just an experiment—or an emergency.

Instead, IU McKinney is continuing to strengthen its commitment to offering courses that help students achieve the best educational and professional outcomes, according to Professor Max Huffman, the law school’s Director of Online Learning.

“Our primary work at McKinney is to teach law students,” Professor Huffman says. “We’re really focused on responding to the changing needs and realities of the profession and student demand.”

The legal profession—like the rest of society—is much more global, with legal work often communicated at a distance with far-flung clients, or by email with supervisors who expect even beginning lawyers to work independently and online, Professor Huffman says.

For law students, online learning isn’t always a choice. Sometimes, due to professional or personal obligations, it is a necessity, he says. At a law school like IU McKinney, that has generations of alumni who are grateful for the opportunities offered through evening and part-time programs, providing online learning is a natural extension of that mission.

Students in the J.D. program may take up to 30 hours of coursework online, subject to course availability (this ABA requirement has been relaxed during the pandemic through the Summer of 2021). Graduate students in the M.J. or LL.M. programs are permitted up to 11 credit hours (LL.M.) or 14 credit hours (M.J.) online under normal circumstances (requirement also relaxed at this time). New courses are being developed in an online format on an ongoing basis.

Students’ decisions are not always based on need or convenience—sometimes, interest alone drives their decisions. Those students frequently become converts to the different pedagogy.

As a McKinney student, Sam Szynal, ‘20, took three online courses. “I primarily chose these courses for their subject matter—the fact that they were online did not weigh heavily into my decisions, although there is certainly a benefit in terms of convenience to asynchronous courses,” he said. Asynchronous courses are those where students are learning online, but are not necessarily meeting at the same time, or at prescribed times.

“All of these classes involved smaller, bite-sized assignments throughout the semester that required application of the material, whereas a traditional lecture-based class may only call for application on a final exam,” Szynal said. “I found that these smaller assignments in the online courses helped illustrate how certain rules build on each other and work together, which ultimately enabled me to better integrate and contextualize information. I always arrived at the end of an online class with information still ‘sticking’ from the entire semester rather than the feeling of needing to circle back and re-learn everything.”

Lectures may allow limited student-to-student and student-to-professor interaction in the classroom, but participants in live classes are more or less shooting from the hip, he added.

“In an online discussion board format, students and professors are able to compose their remarks more completely, which affords them the opportunity to better develop their thoughts and respond meaningfully and analytically to colleagues,” Szynal said. “I found that participating in this type of dialogue made me engage with points I had not considered and opened up my own ideas and analyses to constructive criticism.”

Student Bar Association President Bre Robinson also commented on the online class experience during the Fall 2020 semester, “Overall, I have been happy with the options that the law school has given students this year. While some students really wanted to attend class in person, there are many students who fall into the at-risk category or who have family members who do. Admittedly, I did want to engage in in-person learning this semester, but as the pandemic numbers have continued to rise, I have been especially appreciative of the number of classes that were offered online. The variety of asynchronous and synchronous classes have allowed law students to continue their education during COVID.”
Research and Scholarship
IU McKinney faculty have engaged in substantial research and scholarship in support of their online teaching. Professors Yvonne Dutton and Seema Mohapatra recently co-authored an article forthcoming in the St. Louis University Law Review in 2021 that provides practical examples from their own experiences with designing and delivering online courses with the help of IU resources. Other faculty, including Professors Margaret Ryznar and Max Huffman and Vice Dean Cynthia Adams have also published scholarship on online course design and pedagogy.

Professor Dutton says her own research is based on anonymous surveys and focus groups with students who had taken asynchronous classes at the law school in a pre-COVID-19 world. Based on that evidence, she is convinced that students desired more online offerings and that they viewed them as delivering a high-quality learning experience.

“We do not suggest that online law classes are ‘better’ than live courses taught in the classroom,” Professor Dutton said. “We love teaching live and interacting with students. At the same time, we have designed and offered quality online asynchronous courses to accommodate student demand.”

In a Crisis, Experience Matters
Having experienced and dedicated faculty ready and able to move quickly to emergency remote learning was invaluable when all courses went online in March, Professor Huffman said.

“Having made our investment at a time when we could develop our experience without being on crisis footing, we were better prepared than many peers to meet the circumstances head-on,” he said.

Faculty adapted their courses, recorded their remaining lectures for students to watch on their own time, and used Zoom for classes and to bring legal experts to speak to students.

In April, for example, Professor of Practice Janet McCabe invited former Environmental Protection Agency administrator Gina McCarthy to speak via Zoom to her environmental law class—an opportunity to interact with a top American environmental expert that likely could only have happened with distance learning technology.

When the COVID-19 crisis forced Clinical Professor of Law Cynthia Baker to teach “Legal Aspects of Government Finance” online, she was confronted with the choice of canceling a planned field trip to the construction site of the new Indianapolis Community Justice Campus or finding an alternative.

She worked with the project’s management team to do a virtual field trip, with the help of a drone camera and Zoom technology.

Professor Baker, who directs the IU McKinney Program on Law and State Government, also directs Experiential Learning at the law school, which has continued to offer externships and clinical experiences for students, with accommodations as pandemic conditions demand.

“We didn’t just throw up our hands. We kept learning. Our classes and experiential learning have gone forward,” she said. “That’s just how our profession has to respond. We’re prepared for online learning, just as we have to learn to practice law in this environment.”

(OPPOSITE) Professor Cynthia Baker was teaching a course in “Legal Aspects of Government Finance.” When faced with cancelling a planned field trip to the construction site of the new Indianapolis Community Justice Campus, she worked with the project’s management team to do a virtual field trip online, with the help of a drone camera and Zoom technology. The class could see the $600 million public investment in the city’s new approach to criminal justice and continue to examine its relevance as a case study of local government finance.

(TOP) Professor Max Huffman, the law school’s Director of Online Learning, shown in action.

(BOTTOM) Student Bar Association President Bre Robinson is shown doing work for an online course.
Office of Diversity & Inclusion Establishes Programs

Last year, the law school established the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, with Assistant Dean Patricia Kinney, ’02, leading the office.

“Our objective is for members of the IU McKinney community to embrace all dimensions of diversity and inclusion, in order to make IU McKinney a welcoming environment in which to study and learn, and to prepare our future leaders to better serve the needs of the diverse society,” Dean Kinney said. “As an office, we are dedicated to making IU McKinney a welcoming environment that purposefully and intentionally practices inclusive excellence, creating brave safe spaces where students, no matter how they identify, may celebrate their uniqueness, and have an opportunity to be heard and supported,” she added.

The office has established several programs to promote diversity within the school, including “Third Floor Thursdays,” a weekly discussion for students from underrepresented backgrounds within the legal profession to de-stress and discuss their experiences as law school students in a safe space. Another program, “McKinney Conversations,” is an annual event that brings together stakeholders from across the McKinney community (students, faculty, staff and alumni) to engage in facilitated conversations on topics of diversity and inclusion. To promote a culture of inclusivity, the office hosts its “Creating Affirmative Spaces” lunch and learn series focused on increasing diversity education and cultural competency among faculty and staff.

Pipeline projects include collaborating with IUPUI on the Diversity Enrichment and Achievement Program (DEAP), the ICLEO program, the Know Your Rights program in cooperation with the Underrepresented Professional and Graduate Student Organization (UpNGo), the Pathway to the Law Program, the Pathways to Social Change Program, and the Summer Law & Leadership Program.

Seeking Alumni Mentors for Pathway Program
We need your help mentoring undergraduate students interested in law school as part of our Pathway to the Law program. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please contact Professor Erin Engels, ’99, at eengels@iu-pui.edu and she will provide more information.
Legal Community Gathers for Racial Justice on Juneteenth

Members of the extended IU McKinney community—including law students, professors, alumni, attorneys and their families—gathered on the lawn at Inlow Hall to call for action and a renewed push for racial equality at an event on Friday, June 19.

Indianapolis lawyers Shelley Jackson, ’07, partner at Krieg DeVault, Tonya Bond, ’04, and Ryan Leagre, ’14, partners at Plews Shadley Racher & Braun, formed the Indy Lawyers for Black Lives organization and planned the Juneteenth event, highlighting the important roles attorneys play in fighting systemic racism and racial injustice. They were assisted by IU McKinney Assistant Dean for Diversity & Inclusion Patricia Kinney, ’02.

“Lawyering is our super power,” Jackson told the crowd. “We want every person here to commit to getting involved and using your lawyer super powers to help solve the problem of systemic racism and racial injustice.”

The new organization—and the event at the law school—came together within two weeks and immediately found support in the Indianapolis legal community. Speakers from the law school, the Marion County Bar Association and Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven David, ’82, made specific “asks” to speak up, show up and take action.

Indianapolis attorney Mark Nicholson, ’08, observed that “we can do a better job of showing the world that Black lives matter.” During his remarks, he urged the attendees to kneel in recognition of the Black lives that have been lost due to police misconduct. Attorney Howard Stevenson, ’93, talked about his journey in law school and called for his fellow lawyers to mentor minority students.

Doneisha Posey, ’14, Executive Director of Employee Diversity, Equity and Belonging at Ivy Tech Community College, urged individuals to join the efforts of the Marion County Bar Association.

“Work with us as we educate our communities about their rights,” she said.

IU McKinney Student Bar Association President Bre Robinson reminded the crowd why many had come to law school—to make a difference.

“As lawyers we have the power to truly help people and make change in this country,” she said. “This is a movement, not a moment. Even when you are tired, the work must continue,” Robinson said.

Chaka Coleman, (2L) vice president of IU McKinney’s Black Law Students Association, spoke about potential in “students who look like me. Hire, promote, befriend and mentor Black,” she urged.

(RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM) Shelley Jackson, ’07, speaks to the crowd on Friday, June 19. She co-founded the Indy Lawyers for Black Lives organization with Ryan Leagre, ’14, and Tonya Bond, ’04.

Dean Karen Bravo and former Dean Andy Klein were present for the event that took place in the courtyard of Inlow Hall.

Attendees at the Juneteenth event pause for a moment of silence.
Indiana University Bicentennial Medal Presentations

IU McKinney Law presented law school alumni with Indiana University Bicentennial Medals for contributions to the nation, the State of Indiana, and also to their alma mater.

On March 9, 2020, Dean Andrew Klein presented a Bicentennial Medal to United States Vice President Michael R. Pence, ’86, at his office in Washington, D.C.

Vice President Pence is the 48th vice president of the United States, entering that office on January 20, 2017. He was the 50th governor of Indiana from 2013 to 2017 and served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2001 to 2013. In Congress, he served as Chairman of the House Republican Study Committee and as House Republican Conference Chairman.

He was born in Columbus, Indiana, and graduated from Columbus North High School. He earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Hanover College in 1981, and graduated from the IU McKinney School of Law in 1986. After graduating, Vice President Pence practiced law, led the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, and began hosting The Mike Pence Show, a syndicated talk radio show and a weekly television public affairs program in Indiana. Pence was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000 and represented Indiana’s 2nd and 6th congressional districts from 2001 to 2013 when he became the Indiana Governor.

In presenting the medal, Dean Klein noted, “This is a special year at IU. We are celebrating the University’s 200th anniversary, and as part of that celebration, the university is bestowing Bicentennial Medals on those who have broadened the reach of IU around our state, the nation and the world through personal, professional and philanthropic efforts.”

On March 10, 2020, Dean Klein presented a Bicentennial Medal to United States Senator Todd Young, ’06. Senator Young joined the U.S. Senate in 2017, following six years as the U.S. Representative for Indiana’s 9th congressional district. He currently serves on the U.S. Senate Committees on Finance; Foreign Relations; Commerce, Science & Transportation; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Previously, in the House, he served on the House Armed Services Committee, the House Budget Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee.

After graduating from Carmel High School, Senator Young enlisted in the U.S. Navy with the goal of attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. A year later, he received an appointment from the Secretary of the Navy and was admitted to Annapolis, where he participated in varsity athletics and was elected a class officer. Senator Young graduated with honors in 1995 and accepted a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps. After training as a rifle platoon commander and service as an intelligence officer, he was then assigned to lead a recruiting effort in Chicago and northwest Indiana. During this time, he attended the University of Chicago, where he earned an MBA with a concentration in economics.

After serving a decade in the military, in 2000 he was honorably discharged as a Captain. He then spent a year in England, where he earned an M.A. from the School of Advanced Study in London. Upon returning to the United States, he accepted a position at The Heritage Foundation and later worked as a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate. In 2003, Senator Young returned home to Indiana, working several years as a management consultant and earning the J.D. from the IU McKinney School of Law in 2006.

In presenting the award, Dean Klein stated, “Senator Young is remarkably thoughtful—and he is loyal to the places he came from—including our law school.” He noted that Senator Young has returned to the school as a guest lecturer for a leadership course that Senator Young had once taken while in law school.

On September 11, 2020, IU McKinney School of Law Dean Karen E. Bravo presented Anne Slaughter Andrew, ’83, with an IU Bicentennial Medal during a virtual event.

The occasion was an introduction to her lecture, “Mapping an Optimistic Climate Future,” sponsored by the IU McKinney Program in Environmental and Natural Resources Law. The lecture was a Zoom webinar that attracted more than 200 attendees—including Andrew’s husband, children and other family members, who were able to watch the medal presentation remotely.

The medal presentation (which Andrew was not aware of prior to the event) left Andrew “surprised and deeply honored,” she said. “I am such a proud graduate of IU McKinney law school and have valued the long relationships and legal education that prepared me and certainly have served me well.”

Andrew served as the law school’s commencement speaker in 2015, and was presented with a Distinguished Alumnus Award the same year.

Andrew is former U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica, appointed by President Barack Obama as the first woman to serve in that post, from 2009-2013. Prior to her appointment, she worked as an environmental and energy lawyer and was an IU McKinney adjunct professor. In recent years, she has carved out a career as a social entrepreneur, investing, advising, and advocating clean energy and sustainable development.
A contingent of faculty, administrators and alumni were present for the medal presentation to U.S. Vice President Mike Pence. First row, from left: Dean Andy Klein, Vice President Pence, Assistant Dean Nan Edgerton, May Li, '14. Second row: Rick Valentine, '82; Alan Mills, '82, Professor Max Huffman, Nate Feltman, '94, Stefan Davis, Brandt Hershman, '16, Vice Dean Mike Pitts, and Michael Bryant-Hicks.

Dean Andrew Klein presents the Indiana University Bicentennial Medal to Vice President Pence. on March 9, 2020. From left: May Li, '14, Vice Dean Mike Pitts, Rick Valentine, '82, Vice President Pence, Professor Max Huffman, and Dean Andrew Klein.

Dean Andrew Klein presents the Indiana University Bicentennial Medal to U.S. Senator Todd Young, '06.

Those in attendance for the medal presentation to Senator Young included, from left, Stephen Akard, '89, Nate Feltman, '94, Senator Young, Dean Andrew Klein, and Congresswoman Susan Brooks, '85.

Anne Slaughter Andrew, '83, received an IU Bicentennial Medal on September 11, 2020.

The Bicentennial Medal

The Bicentennial Medal is awarded to organizations and individuals who, through their personal, professional, artistic, or philanthropic efforts, have broadened the reach of Indiana University around the state, nation, and world.

The medals themselves are unique, made from materials salvaged from the old bells which hung in the Student Building on the IU Bloomington campus, giving recipients a lasting piece of IU history.

The Bicentennial Medal honors distinguished and distinctive service, broadly defined, in support of Indiana University’s mission as a public university, individuals who have enlarged the footprint of IU, or have helped to put IU on the map in unique ways.

Those receiving the Bicentennial Medal should be seen as models for future students, faculty, alumni, and organizations to emulate as IU enters its third century.
Graduate Recognition for the Class of 2020

The “pomp and circumstance” for the IU McKinney Law class of 2020 had a new look in the Spring, courtesy of COVID 19. While a live graduate recognition program is still on the agenda to be scheduled in 2021, the immediate celebration for the 2020 class took place online. A graduation page was created on the school’s website that featured a message from the dean, photos of graduates, congratulatory remarks from faculty and staff, and even a program listing graduate names. The graduation page can be found on the school’s website at this link: https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/commencement

Prior to the pandemic, members of the graduating classes selected four of their classmates for the honor of addressing their peers during commencement. Brief remarks were offered by each student in the IU McKinney Online Graduation Celebration video. The speakers for each class were the following:

**Dario Jesus Pardo Salazar** spoke on behalf of the Master of Laws graduates. He is an attorney from Colombia, where he worked primarily as a commercial and corporate attorney in a variety of industry sectors, including oil and gas, chemicals, textiles, international commerce, e-commerce, and consumer law. He elected to pursue the International and Comparative Law track for his Master of Laws degree at IU McKinney in order to apply his newly acquired skills to his work at home in Colombia. His goal is to become knowledgeable in international trade law and transactions in order to help companies make better deals in the public and private sectors.

**Keva Rop** spoke for the Master of Jurisprudence students. She serves as the Assistant Director of Finance in the Department of Medicine for Indiana University School of Medicine. She has carried on her family’s legacy of commitment to non-profit work, focusing on business management in the higher education and not-for-profit sectors. She has taught on the topic of finance and human resources in various IUPUI departments, and at local and national events. She was a member of the inaugural cohort of IUPUI’s Next Generation 2.0 in 2015-16 and serves as a member of the advisory board for that program.

**Riley Parr** spoke on behalf of the Doctor of Jurisprudence, Part-time Division. He graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington and spent a year as a Governor’s Fellow before enrolling in McKinney’s evening program. During his time as a student, he worked for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, clerked for two local solo practitioners, externed for Boone Superior Court I Judge Matt Kincaid, worked as a writing assistant for Professor James Dimitri and a research assistant to former Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard. He also served in several leadership positions within the school, including as Executive Notes Editor of Volume 52 of the INDJANA LAW REVIEW, Assistant Chief Justice of Problem Writing and CLE of the Staton Moot Court Competition, a DTS LCA tutor, and as Chair of both the Indianapolis Bar Association Law Student Division and the Federalist Society. In addition, he participated in the Appellate Clinic. Riley was presented with the law school’s Faculty Prize on the online Graduate Recognition page on the website.

**Aleksandar Djuricic** spoke on behalf of the Doctor of Jurisprudence, Full-time Division. A Serbian American from Croatia, he immigrated with his parents to the Chicago area. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science with a minor in professional writing from DePaul University and a post-baccalaureate certificate in paralegal studies from Roosevelt University. In 2017, he moved to Indianapolis for law school at IU McKinney, where he also received a Graduate Certificate in Health Law. He served as an Associate Editor and Student Note Candidate for the INDJANA LAW REVIEW, a mentor-advocate in the REACH program, Vice-Magister of the Phi Delta Phi Willkie Inn international legal honor society, Treasurer of the Second Chance Re-Entry Program (SCRAP), board member for the IndyBar Law Student Division, and IU McKinney Student Ambassador. He founded and is the current president of a non-profit organization, the Serbian American Leadership Conference. The organization aims to inspire future generations of Serbian Americans to become civically engaged.  ●
Dear Class of 2020,

I write to you on a date we had long anticipated. Tonight, we should be gathering in the Convention Center, garbed in regalia, surrounded by family and friends, preparing to celebrate your graduation from the McKinney School of Law.

Well, to paraphrase an old proverb, “We plan, God laughs.”

We now face circumstances none of us could have imagined just weeks ago. A global pandemic has confined us to our homes, unable to gather for almost any purpose, even one as meaningful as your graduation from law school. In time, the COVID crisis will pass and we will properly commemorate your accomplishments. That does not lessen the disappointment of being apart this evening, but it will make our eventual celebration that much more joyful.

For now, please accept my sincere congratulations. I am incredibly proud of every one of you. Indeed, as I conclude my tenure as dean, I feel that I am one of you—a proud member of the Class of 2020, a group of people who will overcome adversity and thrive in the years ahead.

Later this month, we will send you a link to a video commemorating your graduation. While not a substitute for a true commencement, I hope it will serve as a placeholder to mark this important occasion and serve as a reminder of our friendship and bonds.

Until we see one another again, congratulations and my very best wishes.

— Andy Klein
“I am honored to give the first Birch Bayh Lecture since Senator Bayh’s passing in March of last year,” said Jesse Wegman, the Birch Bayh Lecturer for 2020. “And while I’m sad not to be with you in person, I think it’s very appropriate for this talk to be taking place on September 17, Constitution Day—the day in 1787 that the framers in Philadelphia signed the charter they had spent the past four months drawing up, arguing about, threatening to walk out over—and yet still, in the end, agreeing to sign and take the next step in this audacious new experiment in self-government.

“It’s appropriate because in any conversation about the nation’s founders, we must include the name Birch Bayh. He shares with James Madison, the father of the Constitution, the distinction of being the only two Americans to have authored more than one successful amendment to that document. This is not an easy task. More than 11,000 amendments have been proposed over the centuries, and only 27 have been adopted.”

That’s how Wegman, a journalist, author and editorial board member of The New York Times, characterized the late former U.S. Senator Birch Bayh in his lecture, “A New Engine for a New Age: Birch Bayh, the Electoral College and the Push for a National Popular Vote” during IU McKinney Law’s Birch Bayh Lecture.

The lecture was presented on September 17, in recognition of the nation’s Constitution Day. Due to the pandemic, the virtual event was presented live over Zoom and drew approximately 300 attendees. A recording of the event is available on the law school’s website.

Wegman is the author of a book, Let the People Pick the President: The Case for Abolishing the Electoral College, published in March 2020. In his IU McKinney Law lecture, he offered a behind-the-scenes recounting of his discussion on the subject with Bayh, and an admiring portrait of the late Hoosier politician’s life.

Although he tells the story of how Bayh reintroduced his Electoral College amendment in every session of Congress through the 1970s, until he lost re-election in 1980, Wegman also brings the role of the electoral college into the 21st century—“which is barely two decades old, and yet it has already been defined by the Electoral College’s anti-majoritarian distortions.

“If Senator Bayh were here, I know he would say this is a crisis for our democracy. It is a crisis for our republic,” Wegman said.

The Birch Bayh Lecture was established at IU McKinney in honor of former U.S. Senator Birch Bayh. The series is made possible through the generous contributions of the Simon Property Group, where Senator Bayh served on the board for 17 years, and the friends of Birch Bayh. The lectures focus on issues of importance to Senator Bayh throughout his long and distinguished career in government.
Birch Bayh was a member of the United States Senate, serving the state of Indiana for three terms from 1962 to 1980. He twice amended the U.S. Constitution—affecting the American presidency and enfranchising the youth vote—and wrote other historic legislation revolutionizing women’s rights and America’s world standing in life sciences and biotechnology.

As chairman of the Constitutional Subcommittee, Senator Bayh authored two amendments to the Constitution: the Twenty-fifth Amendment on Presidential and Vice Presidential disability and succession, and the Twenty-sixth Amendment that lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years of age. He wrote two other closely-fought and nearly-passed amendments to the Constitution: the Equal Rights Amendment, and the Direct Popular Vote Amendment to abolish the Electoral College.

Senator Bayh authored Title IX to the Higher Education Act of 1972 that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in our nation’s schools. Ensuring equal opportunities for students in all academic disciplines and on the athletic field, Title IX has been called the Magna Carta of women’s rights.

Senator Bayh was the architect and co-sponsor of the Bayh-Dole Act that enables American universities, small businesses, and non-profit organizations to retain intellectual property rights of inventions developed from federally-funded research. Senator Bayh’s reform of patent law has made the U.S. a global leader in the marketplace and American higher education the world’s leading incubator of scientific, medical, and technological innovation. The Economist called Bayh-Dole “possibly the most inspired piece of legislation to be enacted in America over the past half century."

Senator Bayh’s political career began in 1954 with his election to the Indiana House of Representatives, where he served three terms and led sweeping reform of Indiana schools to bring about equality for rural and urban students alike. He earned a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Purdue University and a J.D. from the IU Maurer School of Law. He served in the United States Army with occupied forces in Germany.

After leaving public service, Senator Bayh practiced law, worked to protect Title IX, advocated for the direct election of the president through the National Popular Vote initiative, chaired the first-ever national hate crimes commission, and taught at Washington College’s C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience.

Bayh Lecture Entered Into Congressional Record

The IU McKinney Law Birch Bayh Lecture, “A New Engine for a New Age: Birch Bayh, the Electoral College and the Push for a National Popular Vote,” was entered into the Congressional Record on September 29 at the request of Maryland Congressman Jamie Raskin.

In his remarks, “Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Defeat of Abolishing the Electoral College,” U.S. Rep. Raskin said:

“Madam Speaker, In September 1969, Senator Birch Bayh, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments, introduced a constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College. The amendment passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in the House and with support from President Richard Nixon. But on this day 50 years ago, the amendment was blocked by a filibuster in the Senate.”

Rep. Raskin continued:

“At this moment of profound constitutional stress and recurring global and domestic threats to democratic values and practices, we should remember the Senator’s passionate commitment to building democratic self-government that serves as an instrument of the common good. Senator Bayh recognized that, in order to make sure that all votes count in our presidential elections and all votes count equally, it will be necessary to abolish the electoral college—or at least transform it through the National Popular Vote interstate agreement. I was honored to work with Senator Bayh, who was a great gentleman and patriot, during my time as a State Senator and he definitely helped us to make Maryland the first state to pass the National Popular Vote Agreement.

“Madam Speaker, I wish to include in the Record a speech by New York Times Editorial Board Member Jesse Wegman for the annual Birch Bayh Lecture given at University of Indiana McKinney School of Law in honor of Senator Bayh’s historic efforts towards electoral reform and in recognition of the melancholy day of defeat of the popular vote in the Senate on September 29, 1969.”
Students, faculty and staff at the law school participated in a variety of activities during the fall semester to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment and to highlight voting rights.

From August 17-31, the school hosted an ABA exhibit that provided information about the 19th Amendment and its ratification to build awareness of the anniversary. The travelling exhibit was shown throughout the country, and provided state and local bar associations, lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, educators and civic organizations the opportunity to celebrate 100 years of women’s constitutional right to vote. The exhibit consisted of displays designed to educate the public about the 19th Amendment and the battle for women’s suffrage, and to promote law that ensures women’s full and equal exercise of their right to vote and to participate in our democracy. The traveling exhibit was located on the 3rd floor of the Ruth Lilly Law Library in Inlow Hall and was open to students, faculty and staff.

On Friday, August 28, the IU McKinney chapter of the American Constitution Society and the IU McKinney Law Women’s Caucus hosted an event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Featured speakers included Indiana Representatives Sharon Negele and Karlee Macer, author and co-sponsor of the bill creating the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission, and Professor Anita Morgan, History Professor at IUPUI—author of such works as “Woman as Force’ in Indiana History.”

On September 10, the Women’s Caucus and the Asian Law Society sponsored “Suffragette Day,” and encouraged everyone to wear all white on that date to honor the suffragists and to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Finally, on September 15, the law school’s Office of Diversity & Inclusion, along with UPnGo, sponsored an event titled, “Know Your Rights: A Voting Rights Panel Discussion.” Panelists included Russell Hollis, ’14, Deputy Director, Marion County Clerk’s Office; Ashley Toruno, Community Engagement & Policy Advocate at the ACLU, and Dr. Jamie Levine Daniel, Assistant Professor at the IU O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI.

IU McKinney hosted a program commemorating the ratification of the 19th Amendment. This special program, which took place on March 4th, and was titled “Suffrage, Voting Rights, and Elections: Safeguarding Democracy,” was co-sponsored by the IUPUI Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the IUPUI Office of Women.

Moderators were Daniel B. Griffith, ’90, Director of Conflict Resolution and Dialogue Programs, IUPUI Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and Kathleen S. Grove, ’77, Director of the IUPUI Office for Women. Discussants were IU McKinney Vice Dean Michael J. Pitts and IUPUI Honors College Executive Associate Dean and Professor Kristina Horn Sheeler, Senior Lecturer for History Anita Morgan, and Professor of Africana Studies and Religious Studies Joseph Tucker Edmonds.

In recognition of the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote, this program examined the critical importance of the expansion of voting rights and fair and free elections in sustaining a democracy.
Experiential Learning Fair

The 2020 Experiential Learning Fair took place on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. This event afforded students the opportunity to learn more about the courses needed to meet the school’s 6-credit experiential learning requirement. Students were able to explore externship offerings and network with supervising attorneys. The fair also featured information tables for the school’s live-client clinics, as well as opportunities to learn about the school’s simulation courses. The 2021 Experiential Learning Fair will be a week-long virtual program, February 15-19. See the school’s website for information on how to participate!

IU McKinney’s Eighth Annual Job Fair Gets a Makeover

IU McKinney hosted the eighth annual job fair in the atrium at Inlow Hall on February 11. This year, fair organizers determined that a bit of a reimagining was in order for the event. Under the direction of Whittley Pike, ’14, Senior Associate Director for the Office of Professional Development (OPD), the job fair is now called “A.C.E. it!” (A.C.E.=Advancing Career Exploration). The new direction fit into the OPD programming motto for the Spring 2020 semester: Networking Starts Now! A.C.E. is the result of student and employer input from previous events. Changes implemented include a mock cocktail reception, during which students learned how to network and craft an elevator pitch, and additional training specifically geared toward getting the most out of the “A.C.E. it!” event. Representatives from law firms, state and county government offices, and not-for-profit organizations participated in the event.

Pro Bono Fair

In keeping with McKinney’s commitment to provide all students with resources related to pro bono opportunities, the law school hosted a Pro Bono Fair on March 10, 2020. Participating organizations had the opportunity to engage in dialogue with McKinney law students and discuss pro bono and public interest opportunities.

Student Organization and Resource Fair

The annual Student Organization and Resource Fair, always part of the back-to-school festivities for law students, took place outdoors in the Inlow Hall Courtyard on Tuesday, September 8. The socially-distanced event offered opportunities for students to talk to one another about involvement any of the more than 25 active student organizations the law school has to offer. In the photo, a student talks to representatives from the Federalist Society.
National experts on educational equity and education policy joined 2020 IU McKinney Program on Law and State Government (PLSG) Fellows Adam Steel and Alexis Weaver on September 25 for a virtual symposium, “Taxes, Teachers and Tests: State Responses to Failing Schools.”

The symposium included two virtual webinars. Professor Derek W. Black, Professor of Law and the Ernest F. Hollings Chair in Constitutional Law at the University of South Carolina, presented on “Public Education Funding and Values in a Time of Uncertainty.” Professor Black’s areas of expertise are education law and policy, constitutional law and civil rights. The focus of his current scholarship is the intersection of constitutional law and public education, particularly as it pertains to educational equality and fairness for disadvantaged students. His work has been cited in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals and by several briefs in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to teaching, Professor Black litigated issues relating to school desegregation, diversity, school finance equity, student discipline, and special education at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. He left the Lawyers’ Committee to teach at Howard University School of Law, where he also founded and directed the Education Rights Center.

The second keynote speaker was Richard Rothstein, Distinguished Fellow at the Economic Policy Institute and a Senior Fellow at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. His talk was titled, “Why Our Segregated Landscape is a Constitutional Affront and What We Can Do About It.” Professor Rothstein is the author of The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America, which examines
how American segregation was a function of explicit federal, state, and local policies. He has authored many other books and articles on race and education, including *Class and Schools: Using Social, Economic and Educational Reform to Close the Black–White Achievement Gap* and *Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right*. He has also served as the national education columnist for *The New York Times* and lectures widely on issues of equity, race, and education.

In pre-recorded videos that can be found on the law school’s website, PLSG fellow Adam Steel (J.D. anticipated May 2021), presented his research topic, “The Cost of Success: How States Target Funds Toward Districts that Need It,” and PLSG fellow Alexis Weaver (J.D. anticipated May 2021), presented “Measuring Students through Teacher Focused Metrics: State Intervention, Evaluation, and Regulation.”

Both Fellows cite their own experiences in education as sources for their interest in the topics. Steel is a former middle school teacher from Evansville, Indiana, while Weaver worked for a pre-school program for low-income children in Massachusetts prior to attending law school.

“As a former teacher, this is a topic that is very important to me,” Steel said. “Public education is the backbone of our society and it is important to bring to light some of the issues our school systems are currently facing.”

This year, both fellows faced both the challenges of law school, clerkships, and the COVID-19 pandemic, all while planning a symposium that, for the first time in its 20-year history, was presented entirely online.

“When Adam and I selected this topic with the guidance of Professor Cynthia Baker, none of us had any idea that COVID-19 was looming just around the corner,” Weaver said. “This topic is now more timely than ever. One of the biggest challenges we are facing aside from the spread of the disease itself, is how to navigate school for K-12 students. How do we mitigate growing achievement gaps, make remote learning equitable, and keep kids succeeding? How do we even measure success in this novel time? It’s all new territory.”

The PLSG Symposium was the school’s first completely virtual symposium, offering both live and pre-recorded presentations. You can find recorded segments of the symposium on the school’s website under Program on Law and State Government.

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Professor Hagan Named Mentor of the Year

Professor Carrie Hagan was named the IUPUI Graduate and Professional Mentor of the Year for the 2019-2020 academic year. She received this honor from the IUPUI Graduate Mentoring Center. She was nominated for the honor by seven individuals who lauded her as an outstanding example of mentoring on campus.

Many nominators mentioned Professor Hagan’s relationships with her students.

“She understands how an individual student’s intersectional identity, race, gender identity, sexuality, class status, etc. might impact their lived experience as a law student. She meets us where we are and treats us like whole human beings,” one nominator wrote.

Professor Hagan also was noted for her work which opens opportunities for her students.

“Professor Hagan takes the time to understand students’ strengths and push them to grow. Importantly, she encourages students to use these strengths and newly-acquired skills to serve the Indianapolis community. This is a powerful combination, and one that both nurtures students during a vulnerable time and inspires them to push beyond the traditional understanding of what a law degree can do for society,” another nominator wrote.

Carrie Hagan joined the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law faculty as a Clinical Associate Professor of Law in the Fall of 2009 and is currently Director of the Civil Practice Clinic. In addition to teaching full time at the clinic, she has presented on and published her work involving interdisciplinary partnerships and coordinating skill sets between law and social work locally, nationally and internationally. She earned her B.A. degree at the University of Kansas and the J.D. at the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

The award is given to encourage and recognize outstanding mentoring of the graduate and professional students and identify best practices for graduate mentoring at IUPUI.
IHLR Symposium Engages in National Conversation on Health and Housing

National experts called attention to a crisis in health and housing in the United States at the two-day virtual Indiana Health Law Review Symposium on October 15-16.

The symposium, "The Intersection of Health Equity and Housing Law" explored the intersection of health law and housing law with a focus on using the law to achieve equity in these areas. Symposium moderator Abraham Gutman, an opinion and editorial writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, called the topic “tragically relevant,” in light of the COVID-19 epidemic and a housing affordability crisis.

IU McKinney Law alumna Emily Benfer, ’05, Visiting Professor of Law, Wake Forrest School of Law, drew attention to the impacts and root causes of discrimination and poverty on the social determinants of health in her Day One keynote address, “Housing Justice in America: A Framework for the Elimination of Discrimination, Eviction, and Health Disparities in Communities of Color.”

Professor Benfer is an authority in the field of health and housing justice. She is the Chair of the American Bar Association’s COVID-19 Task Force Committee on Eviction and co-creator of the COVID-19 Housing Policy Scorecard with the Eviction Lab at Princeton University.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S., many Americans were impacted by instability in housing, as well as unsafe conditions that especially impact children, according to Professor Benfer.

“The pandemic magnified that disparity,” she said, with 30-40 million adults at risk of eviction, and an estimated 50 million renters in households that suffered COVID-19-related job or income loss.

In her symposium talk, Professor Benfer noted that during her time as a law student, she was inspired to learn more about the role race plays in housing law in a class taught by Florence Wagman Roisman, William F. Harvey Professor of Law and Chancellor’s Professor at IU McKinney.

Housing precarity and racially discriminatory policies mean that the principles of health justice do not apply equally to all members of our society, Professor Benfer said. “We have a duty to address this,” she said.

The keynote speaker for the second day was Courtney Anderson, J.D., LL.M., Associate Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law, who spoke on the topic of “Surviving Gentrification and Segregation.” Professor Anderson is affiliated faculty at the Georgia State University School of Public Health and the university’s Next Generation Initiative, which focuses on interdisciplinary research into how law and policy might impact social, economic, and environmental determinants of health.

The second day of the symposium also featured the following panels: “Impact of Environmental Elements on Health & Housing,” a panel with Emily Coffey, J.D., Housing Justice Staff Attorney, Shriver Center on Poverty Law; Janet McCabe, J.D., IU McKinney Professor of Practice and Director of the Indiana University Environmental Resilience Institute; Carlton Waterhouse, J.D., Ph.D., Professor of Law and Director Environmental Justice Center, Howard University School of Law; and “Impact of Racial Segregation on Health & Housing,” a panel with Doneisha Posey, ’14, Vice President of Diversity, Equity & Belonging, Ivy Tech Community College; Florence Wagman Roisman, LL.B., William F. Harvey Professor Law and Chancellor’s Professor at IU McKinney Law; and Marie Claire Tran-Leung, J.D., Director of Legal Impact Network, Shriver Center on Poverty Law.
Challenges and Rewards of a Virtual Event

“Planning the first-ever virtual Indiana Health Law Review Fall Symposium was a challenging and also very rewarding task,” said Warren Cangany, Executive Symposium Editor of the Indiana Health Law Review.

Because it was the first time IHLR hosted a virtual event, there was no blueprint or foundation to draw upon of what would work or how the event should look, Cangany said. At the same time, the virtual format allowed for “an all-star lineup” of national experts on the topics of Health and Housing Law from around the country, and to reach a wider audience, he said.

“When I started planning the symposium, many people were already experiencing Zoom fatigue, so designing a format that would attract attendees and still offer the same amount of quality and education content was probably the biggest piece in planning the symposium outside of selecting a timely and important topic,” he said.

Symposium Featured Student Posters

During breaks between sessions, attendees were asked to vote on student posters. IU McKinney students recognized for their research posters included winner Alexis Weaver, “Safer is Better: Paving the Path for Safe Consumption Sites in Indiana” and runner-up Jessica Kolanowski “Why So Trusting? At-Home DNA Tests and Electronic Informed Consent” in the Best Completed Note category.

Voters chose Allyson Crane, “Racial Disparities in Mental Health Treatment: How Indiana Misses the Mark in Providing Accessible and Quality Treatment Amidst the Coronavirus Pandemic” as the winner in the category of Best Note in Progress and Erin McNeil as runner up for “Mass Incarceration as a Public Health Crisis.”

About the Indiana Health Law Review

The Indiana Health Law Review (IHLR) focuses on health care law and policy and provides informative articles on important health law topics and issues. The Indiana Health Law Review complements the school’s existing health law program.

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Hall Center Faculty Make Headlines in COVID-19 Coverage

Since early 2020, when news of a novel coronavirus made headlines, Hall Center faculty have been fielding media requests, creating podcasts and writing articles and op-eds on issues related to COVID-19.

Professor of Law Nicolas Terry published an op-ed in The Hill recognizing a long list of failures related to COVID-19. Since the pandemic began, he’s also been speaking out about nursing homes and COVID-19, including in an article in The Conversation. The Washington Post consulted him for an analysis about the Trump administration’s privacy concerns over the president’s COVID-19 diagnosis in October, and the Wall Street Journal interviewed him about the future of health data privacy after the pandemic ends.

Anthem Inc. and other health insurers are racking up record profits, but those windfalls are drawing criticism, according to an August 21 story in the Indianapolis Business Journal, which cited both Terry and Professor Fran Quigley, ’87, director of the Health and Human Rights Clinic at the IU McKinney.

Among the many news stories featuring IU McKinney Associate Professor and Dean’s Fellow Seema Mohapatra’s comments, there was a Vox piece titled “What Public Health Experts Want Critics to Know about Why They Support the Protests.”

An article by Professor Ross Silverman for The Conversation, “Vaccine Mandates vs. Religious Beliefs—the Legal Arguments for the Upcoming Coronavirus Lawsuits,” outlines what might follow religious objections to a COVID-19 vaccine. Meanwhile, the online news site Healthline asked Daniel G. Orenstein, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at IU McKinney, to weigh in on how COVID-19 treatments in short supply might be distributed.
Hall Center Faculty Contribute to National Report

As the nation continues to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, 50 top national experts offer a new assessment of the U.S. policy response to the crisis.

The research details the widespread failure of the country’s leadership in planning and executing a cohesive, national response, and how the crisis exposed weaknesses in the nation’s health care and public health systems. In *Assessing Legal Responses to COVID-19*, the authors also offer recommendations on how federal, state and local leaders can better respond to COVID-19 and future pandemics. Their proposals include how to strengthen executive leadership for a stronger emergency response, expand access to public health, health care and telehealth; fortify protections for workers; and implement a fair and humane immigration policy.

Nicolas P. Terry, Hall Render Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Hall Center for Law and Health at IU McKinney, served on the editorial committee and contributed an article, “Liability and Liability Shields,” to the report.

Professor Ross D. Silverman, Professor of Public Health and Law at IU McKinney and Professor of Health Policy and Management at the IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI, also contributed an article, “Contact Tracing, Intrastate and Interstate Quarantine, and Isolation”

“Judged by any metric, the U.S. response to COVID-19 has been a historic failure,” Professor Terry said. “Great attention has been justly paid to political failures and how science and public health have been politicized.”

Expert assessments in the report show that the country’s failure in COVID-19 response in many ways has been a legal failure, Professor Terry said.

“The basic design of our health care system and its legal underpinnings have failed us in multiple ways,” he said. “And then there are the more detailed laws such as those dealing with housing and evictions, the protection of nursing home residents, worker protections, and so many more that have been revealed as inadequate or poorly implemented or both.”

Sponsored by the de Beaumont Foundation and the American Public Health Association, the report was produced by Public Health Law Watch in cooperation with the Hall Center, the Center for Public Health Law Research at Temple University’s Beasley School of Law, the Center for Health Policy and Law at Northeastern University, Wayne State University Law School, the Network for Public Health Law and ChangeLab Solutions.

Key findings

Key findings in the report include: Ample legal authority has not been properly used in practice—evidence shows a massive failure of executive leadership and implementation at the federal level, and in many states and localities; decades of pandemic preparation overemphasized documenting plans and failed to account for how severe budget cuts to public health, from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to state and local health departments, would drive outcomes. These budget cuts were combined with political interference that had a deleterious effect on the operational readiness of the nation’s local, state and federal health agencies; and legal responses have failed to prevent racial and economic disparities in the pandemic’s toll, and in some cases aggravated them.

The report provides critical legal analysis and recommendations, rooted in empirical evidence and expert analysis. Each author wrote about how the law has been used, misused or under-used in the response to COVID-19. It addresses not just the legal doctrine, but also matters of implementation, including both the use of strategies and resources. The authors express concern with the efficacy of containing COVID-19, as well as protecting human and civil rights, equity and ethics.

The authors provide more than 100 recommendations for legal action in response to COVID-19. These include calls for urgent action now, as well as longer term changes that reflect the way the pandemic has exposed deeper problems in American law and policy. They include recommendations for federal, state and local levels. To view the full report, please visit COVID19Policy-Playbook.org.

Alumni Invited to Join Mentor Board

The Hall Center Mentor Board assists health-law students in building a professional network and honing the skills they need to succeed. If you are interested in joining the Hall Center Mentor Board, please contact Brittany Kelly at biglaze@iu.edu. Opportunities include meeting a student virtually for a “coffee chat,” serving as a Health Law Review Note Advisor, providing feedback to the Health Law Moot Court Team, or speaking virtually to the Health Law Society about the field of health law.

Hall Center Earns A+

The Hall Center for Law and Health at the IU McKinney School of Law earned a perfect A+ grade from preLaw magazine in its 2020 Back to School issue.

The publication grades the nation’s health law programs based on the breadth of their curricular offerings, including opportunities such as externships, certificates, clinic experiences and student organizations.
Hall Center for Law and Health Continues Grand Rounds Online

While many gatherings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak last March, IU McKinney School of Law Hall Center for Law and Health convened Grand Rounds as online events. Two programs took place in April: “Regulating Chemical Exposures: Using Legal Epidemiology to Determine Enforceable PFAS Standards” was presented by Professor Montrece Ransom, Senior Public Health Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Professor, Walden University on April 16; and “Approving Opioids” was presented by Professor Patricia Zettler of The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law on April 30.

In June and July, the Hall Center hosted its first-ever virtual Grand Rounds Summer Series, which included: “Anti-Vaccine Misinformation and the Law: Challenges and Pitfalls” with Dorit Rubinstein Reiss, Professor of Law, University of California Hastings College of Law on June 25; “Confronting Child Trafficking” with Jonathan Todres, Professor of Law and Distinguished University Professor, Georgia State University College of Law on July 16; and “Public Health Surveillance in the Context of COVID-19” with Jennifer D. Oliva, Associate Professor of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law and Seton Hall Center for Health and Pharmaceutical Law and Policy on July 31.

Grand Rounds continued in the fall, with additional virtual events, including: “COVID-19 and the Racialization of Diseases,” with Matiangai Sirleaf, Nathan Patz Professor of Law, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law on October 30, and “Hot Topics in Health Care Privacy,” with Kirk J. Nahra Partner, Co-Chair Cybersecurity and Privacy Practice, WilmerHale, Washington, D.C, on November 13.

Hall Center Students Pursue Externships

Passionate about health law, IU McKinney 2L Hannah Smith found her perfect externship match over the summer of 2020 with the Indiana Rural Health Association. Smith is from Flint, Michigan, and was working for U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee of Michigan’s fifth congressional district, during the city’s water crisis, which left the city’s 100,000 residents with unhealthy levels of lead in their water.

“Through that experience, I was able to see how public health touches every aspect of life and how important health policy is to every person,” Smith said. “Indiana has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country, so I was very excited to work on a project for the Indiana Rural Health Association’s Healthy Start program. The organization is really impressive in their work to bring quality healthcare to people who need it.”

Smith worked on compliance issues, researching federal and state guidelines to write policies for the Indiana Rural Health Association to reach their audiences through social media platforms without breaching privacy. She praised Edye T. Edens, J.D., ’08, Externship Program Director at the Hall Center for Law and Health.

“Professor Edens is very valuable to our health law community,” Smith said. “She really truly cares about the students and the outcomes. I wouldn’t have had this opportunity without her.”

Smith was just one of more than a dozen students who worked with the Hall Center to find externships over the summer and during the Fall semester.

Other IU McKinney Law students with 2020 summer externship placements include: Connor Armuth—Indiana Rural Health Association; Farris Ahmad—Roche Diagnostics; Sarah Barrett and John Starbuck—Indiana Legal Services/Medical Legal Partnership; Drew Frazier and Shelby Knop—IU Health, Revenue Cycle Services. Smith and Knop received funding for their externship experience thanks to the Sandy and Bernie Miller Health Law Fellowship. The fellowship is for students working during the summer in an unpaid position related to health law.

Fall 2020 externship placements include: Lisa Roane—Springbuk; Caulin McGraw and Courtney Oliver—Fairbanks CME; Emily Burchfield—Roche Diagnostics; Ashlyn Carter, Khawaja Saad, and Brandycce Sallee—IU Health Revenue Cycle; Emily Stultz—Mdwise; Sarah Barrett—Indiana Rural Health Association; Jess Kolanowski—Fiorvento Law Firm, and Moyosoluwa Ogunyemi—American Medical Women’s Association.
IU McKinney’s IP Center Launches Clinic Under USPTO Program

There is truth to the adage that “necessity is the mother of invention,” and the IP Center’s new clinic is living proof. IU McKinney’s new intellectual property law clinic was born when IU McKinney Law 3L, Mike Webb, was seeking an externship opportunity for Summer 2020 because he needed to replace his externship that fell victim to the coronavirus pandemic. IU McKinney alumni have provided invaluable leadership and help.

Webb worked at Rolls-Royce for 13 years before enrolling in law school at IU McKinney, where he’s part of the evening division. Webb is now a technical analyst in the IP department at Indianapolis-based Barnes & Thornburg. He was set to extern with in-house counsel at Rolls-Royce during Summer 2020, but the pandemic made that impossible. Thanks to Professor Cynthia Baker, Director of Experiential Learning at the law school, Webb was able to develop a Supervised Externship Placement (SEP) during which he and alumna Pervin Taleyarkhan, ‘13, in-house IP legal counsel at Whirlpool, collaborated on efforts to start the IP clinic. Webb was able to gain some practical experience working with Taleyarkhan as well.

Webb worked with Taleyarkhan and alumni Matthew Clark, ‘13, and Derek Lavender, ‘14, toward starting a clinic for the Center for Intellectual Property and Innovation. Clark is an attorney at Frost Brown Todd where he practices in the areas of trademark, copyright, entertainment, and internet law; and Lavender is a registered patent attorney at Taft Stettinius & Hollister.

Set to launch in the Spring, the clinic will operate under the auspices of the United States Patent and Trademark Office IP Clinic Certification Program. Taleyarkhan is set to serve as the clinic’s director and as an adjunct professor, while Clark and Lavender will serve as clinic faculty supervisors on the patent and trademark side, respectively. All their work will make it possible for the clinic to function under the USPTO’s Law School Clinic Certification Program and deliver opportunities for students to gain practical, collaborative experiences in drafting, filing, and prosecuting trademark and patent applications for real-world clients, all while still in law school.

The experience of helping launch the IP clinic hasn’t exactly taken the place of the externship Webb would have had at his former employer, but it has been a valuable experience, he said. “Although it wasn’t hands-on in a corporation, it has actually worked out great in multiple other areas,”
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A late 2019 article by Professor Nguyen also explores #MeToo innovators. The article, “Disrupting Adhesion Contracts with #MeToo Innovators,” was published by the VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF SOCIAL POLICY & THE LAW. Just as innovators are known for disrupting old business models through technological innovations, #MeToo reformers are disrupting the seemingly insurmountable adhesion contract regime. Their efforts have led to businesses removing their arbitration clauses, as these pioneers regain their rights without relying on the conventional contract theory of unconscionability.

Professor Nguyen holds the Gerald L. Bepko Chair in Law, and is the director of the IU McKinney Center for Intellectual Property Law and Innovation. She frequently travels to Vietnam and other countries to present her scholarship and to train government officials. She is an internationally recognized legal scholar, known for her expertise at the intersections of intellectual property, secured transactions, bankruptcy, licensing, and taxation. She was named a Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers in March 2017.

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Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen delivered the opening lecture at the Women in Data Science event in Vancouver. Her talk was titled, “Law and Data: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” The conference took place on March 5 at Microsoft.

IU McKinney Master of Jurisprudence alumna Duong Vu, who was the first graduate of the program in 2015, was one of the co-organizers of the event. She is a Data Scientist at UrbanLogiq. The Women in Data Science event is held every year at Stanford University featuring keynote speakers, several technical vision talks, lunchtime panel, and multiple opportunities to network with other attendees. Regional events take place in other locations.

In the photo, from left: Duong Vu, MJ ’15, Professor Nguyen, and co-organizer, Ha Dinh, Senior Data Analyst at Unbounce.
IP Center Event Examines Intellectual Property Issues Caused by Pandemic

The IP Center sponsored a virtual program on October 2, 2020 that addressed the topic, “Intellectual Property Issues during the Pandemic.” Mona Gupta, Associate General Patent Counsel and Head of Global IP Management at Roche Diabetes Care, Inc.; Pervin Taleyarkhan, ‘13, IP Legal Counsel at Whirlpool Corporation; and Simran Trana, Senior Vice President for the Indiana University Innovation and Commercialization Office, delved into the challenges and opportunities their practices are facing because of the pandemic. Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, IU McKinney’s IP Center Director, moderated the discussion.

The panelists identified emerging intellectual property issues in their areas of practice to explain new challenges caused by the pandemic and highlight new opportunities in addressing the challenges. In addition, the panelists provided their insights as in-house attorneys and managers of intellectual property assets on how their companies and others continue to strive for innovations during the pandemic.

Gupta leads the global function of Roche Diabetes Care IP Management, where she is responsible for elaborating and implementing patent strategies, aligning patent activities, analyzing third-party competitor activities, patent clearance activities, patent acquisitions and licensing activities, and managing a global team of senior IP principals. She is responsible for managing patent litigations globally, post-grant patent proceedings, and other third-party conflicts. Prior to joining Roche, Gupta was in private practice in IP and patent law, and served as Senior Patent Litigation Attorney at BlackBerry.

In her role as IP Legal Counsel at Whirlpool Corporation, Taleyarkhan is responsible for ensuring proper legal mechanisms are in place to drive value for innovations and educating her colleagues on IP to help optimize the company’s IP protection strategies. Prior to joining Whirlpool, she was an IP attorney at the Purdue Research Foundation’s Office of Technology Commercialization, where she provided strategies for the university’s IP portfolios, evaluated technology-based innovations for IP protection, drafted and prosecuted patent and trademark applications, and educated staff, faculty, and on the importance of IP in entrepreneurship and innovation, in addition to other duties.

Trana has 15 years of experience in product and business development, licensing, and venture creation. Prior to joining IU, she spent 10 years with Dow AgroSciences, now called (Corteva Agriscience,) the Agriculture Division of DowDuPont. Trana’s responsibilities at IU’s ICO include enhancing strategic alliances with private- and public-sector partners and expanding the commercialization of IU discoveries and inventions, ensuring a service-oriented gateway for all members of the IU community seeking assistance with innovation and entrepreneurship.

Professor Nguyen is an internationally known legal scholar renowned for her expertise in the intersections of Intellectual Property, Contracts, Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy, Licensing and Taxation. She is the Gerald L. Bepko Endowed Chair in Law at IU McKinney.
Professor Shaver Presents Book Talk


The book, published by Yale University Press, highlights innovative nonprofit solutions to expand access to print. First Book, for example, offers diverse books to teachers at bargain prices. Imagination Library mails picture books to support early literacy in book deserts. Worldreader promotes mobile reading in developing countries by turning phones into digital libraries. Pratham Books creates open access stories that anyone may freely copy, adapt, and translate. Professor Shaver discusses the roles that copyright law and licensing play in the fight against book hunger.

An internationally recognized expert on the intersection of intellectual property and human rights law, Professor Shaver’s scholarship informs the concept of “the right to science and culture.” Professor Shaver holds a J.D. from Yale Law School and an M.A. from the University of Chicago. She was a clerk to Hon. David F. Hamilton and a Fulbright Scholar in South Africa, and taught at Yale Law School before joining the IU McKinney School of Law faculty in 2012.

IP Center Hosts Cambridge University Press Acquisition Editor for Luncheon Speaker Series

The Center for Intellectual Property and Innovation hosted Matt Gallaway for its lunchtime speaker series for students. He is a *New York Times* bestselling author, and the acquisitions editor at Cambridge University Press. His March 3 talk was titled, “Publishing in the Digital Era.”

The IP Center’s luncheon series provides an opportunity for students to hear from legal practitioners working in the field of IP law, and affords them the chance to ask questions and get to know the speaker after the lecture.

(ABOVE) Professor Lea Shaver discussed her latest book, *Ending Book Hunger: Access to Print Across Barriers of Class and Culture*, during a Faculty Book Talk in February. She’s holding the book with then-Dean Andrew R. Klein.

(RIGHT) In the photo from left are Matt Gallaway and IP Center Director, Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen.
IU McKinney Environmental Symposium Dips into Indiana Water Issues

Experts in the areas of law, science and public policy gathered at IU McKinney School of Law on March 6, 2020, for a day-long symposium on “Protecting Hoosier Waters: What’s New and What’s Next in Law, Science and Public Policy.”

The symposium, presented by the IU McKinney Program in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, drew a capacity crowd to the Wynne Courtroom, where presenters outlined the challenges facing the environment, as well as the laws and policies in place to protect Indiana water.

In the opening session, Dr. Jeff Dukes, Ph.D., Director of Purdue Climate Research Center, presented the most current data on “How Climate Change is Impacting Indiana’s Water Resources and People,” noting that “Indiana is getting wetter and warmer.”

That trend is expected to intensify, and will impact Indiana’s agriculture, water quality, and ecosystems, he said. Preparation for Indiana communities is key, Dukes said, a point emphasized by moderator Janet McCabe, IU McKinney Professor of Practice and Director of the IU Environmental Resilience Institute and Prepared for Environmental Change Grand Challenge.

“A Brief History of the Clean Water Act, Changes During the Trump Administration, and Focus on the Waters of the U.S. and Recent Court Decisions” followed, presented by Jon Devine, Senior Attorney and Director Federal Water Policy Nature Program at the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Fred Andes, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg. The conversation was moderated by IU McKinney Law 3L Julia Frandsen-DeLoach, president of the Environmental Law Society.

Other presentations included:

• “Water Infrastructure and Resource Planning: Economics, Policy and Legal Issues,” with Jim McGoff, J.D., COO and Director Environmental Programs, Indiana Finance Authority and Kumar Menon, Director, City Utilities, Fort Wayne, and moderated by Don Snemis, Partner, Ice Miller.

• “Restoration of the Grand Calumet River under CERCLA and the CWA,” with Carl Wodrich, Assistant Director, Division of Land Acquisition, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), and Anne Remek, Senior Environmental Manager, IDEM, and moderated by Cheryl Gonzales, Partner, Barnes and Thornburg.

• “Resilience-Flooding and Fluvial Erosion in a Changing Climate: Legal and Data Tools” with William Weeks, Clinical professor of Law Emeritus at the IU Maurer School of Law; Robert Barr, Research Scientist, Department of Earth Sciences, Center for Earth and Environment.
Anne Slaughter Andrew, ’83, Speaks at Environmental Law Program

On September 11, IU McKinney School of Law alumna, Anne Slaughter Andrew, ’83, presented a lecture, “Mapping an Optimistic Climate Future,” sponsored by the IU McKinney Program in Environmental and Natural Resources Law. The virtual event attracted more than 200 attendees.

Andrew opened her lecture noting that when she chose the title of her talk more than six months ago, she had no idea what it would mean to look to an optimistic future during the COVID-19 pandemic and forest fires that blazed across the U.S. west coast states, causing planned energy outages to minimize the danger to residents and their homes.

“No doubt climate impact is here, and now,” she said. “We need to look at the legal and regulatory systems we have created around energy and electricity. How do we take those systems and revolutionize them to achieve a just transition to a sustainable energy future?”

That’s why electricity is such an intriguing piece of the climate change challenge, Andrew says. Most people lack a basic understanding of the modern electricity system, from how electricity powers their homes when they turn on the lights, to understanding their electric bills.

“We’re pretty disconnected from the way in which we are all tied into climate change,” Andrew says. “If we help people think about energy and engage in conversation about how they use energy, it could just have a crescendo of an impact. Having people empowered with knowledge and access to information will accelerate our ability to build a sustainable energy future.”

“If we can do that right, we can devise a map to arrive at an optimistic climate future,” she says.

Prior to the start of the lecture, IU McKinney Dean Karen Bravo presented a Bicentennial Medal to Andrew, for her professional achievements and her dedication to her alma mater.

Andrew is former U.S. ambassador to Costa Rica, appointed by President Barack Obama as the first woman to serve in that post, from 2009-2013. Prior to her appointment, she worked as an environmental and energy lawyer and was an IU McKinney adjunct professor. In recent years, she has carved out a career as a social entrepreneur, investing, advising, and advocating clean energy and sustainable development.

Recent projects include co-founding TerViva, LLC, an agrotechnology company developing environmentally sustainable crops for food and fuel; launching the Climate Forum with the NewDEAL, a rising stars network of exceptional state and local elected officials; investing and advising LNG, LLC, a Central American venture to collect and recycle used lubricant oil; and co-founding EARTH University’s global platform for Leadership and Sustainable Solutions Impact.

Andrew serves on the board of directors of Sunnova Energy International (NOVA), a residential solar and energy storage service provider, and Ad Astra Rocket Company in Houston, Texas. •

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• “Current Challenges—Indiana’s Water Quality and How They Affect Legal Practice,” with Jill Hoffman, Director, The White River Alliance; Katie Jamriska, Superintendent of Water Quality and Environmental Compliance for Indiana American Water; Nate Bosch, Director for Lakes and Streams at Grace College; William Weeks, IU Maurer; and moderated by Indra Frank, M.D., Hoosier Environmental Council.

• “Drinking Water: What Lawyers Should Know about Water and Emerging Contaminants,” with Matt Prater, Chief of the Drinking Water Branch of the Office of Water Quality at IDEM; Sarah Hudson, Director of the Water Resources and Infrastructure Planning Program at the Indiana Finance Authority; Erika Powers, Chair of Barnes and Thornburg’s Environmental Department; and moderated by Gonzalez, Barnes and Thornburg.

News of the symposium was covered by the Indiana Environmental Reporter, an independent reporting organization supported by The Media School at Indiana University. •
Law School Welcomes First Two McKinney Family Chairs

Two notable scholars are the first to be named to the Robert H. McKinney Family Chair in Environmental Law, which are visiting positions for the 2020-2021 academic year at the law school.

Hillary Hoffmann, Professor of Law at the University of Vermont, spent the Fall semester at IU McKinney. University of Wyoming College of Law Professor Sam Kalen will join the law school as the Robert H. McKinney Family Chair in Environmental Law for the Spring 2021 semester.

Professor Hillary Hoffmann

Professor Hoffmann’s areas of expertise include natural resources law and public lands law. Her recent scholarship analyzes the systems governing natural resource uses on federal and tribal lands and explores the conflicts that arise from Constitutional and other systemic challenges facing indigenous nations in the United States. She has also lectured and published extensively on the topics of energy development, mining, livestock grazing, and other extractive uses of public lands and tribal lands.

During her semester at IU McKinney, Professor Hoffmann presented a lecture, “The Environment–Cultural Disconnect: Protecting Indigenous Cultures in an Exclusionary Context” for a virtual audience on October 29. She is co-author of a new book, A Third Way: Decolonizing the Laws of Indigenous Cultural Protection, which outlines a framework for decolonizing the laws affecting indigenous cultures, including the First Amendment, various environmental statutes, cultural protection laws like the Antiquities Act and the Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act, intellectual property laws (including those that protect racist imagery in mascots, music, and clothing), and more.

Professor Hoffmann has commented extensively on current issues related to federal public lands, tribal rights, and tribal sovereignty, including the reduction of the Utah national monuments by President Trump in 2017 and the controversy related to the Dakota Access Pipeline construction near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in 2016-2017.

Prior to joining the faculty at Vermont Law School, Professor Hoffmann practiced in the litigation group at Fabian & Clendenin, P.C. in Salt Lake City, Utah. She represented a wide variety of clients in state and federal court and before the Department of Interior’s Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Professor Sam Kalen

University of Wyoming College of Law Professor Sam Kalen will join the law school as the Robert H. McKinney Family Chair in Environmental Law for the Spring 2020 semester.

He is the Associate Dean and William T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law at Wyoming College of Law. An expert in environment, public lands and natural resources, energy, as well as administrative law, Professor Kalen founded and is now the co-Director of the Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies. He is a co-author of a casebook on public lands and natural resources, as well as a recently published book by Cambridge University Press (2018), entitled Energy Follies, along with an earlier book published by the American Bar Association on the Endangered Species Act. Professor Kalen also has authored numerous scholarly articles, including publishing in FLORIDA LAW REVIEW, COLORADO LAW REVIEW, MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW, RUTGERS LAW REVIEW, ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY, NYU ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL, and DUKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY; and one of his articles was quoted by a dissenting Justice in a Supreme Court opinion.

Prior to joining the Wyoming College of Law, he held various adjunct or visiting teaching positions at the University of Baltimore, Florida State University, Washington & Lee University, and Penn State University. Before teaching, Professor Kalen practiced in Washington, D.C. for over 20 years, both in the private and public sectors. His private practice work focused on energy, environment, as well as public lands and natural resources law; and he worked primarily on public lands and natural resource matters when serving in the Solicitor’s Office at the Department of the Interior during the Clinton Administration. Immediately after law school, Professor Kalen began his career as a law clerk for Justice Warren D. Welliver of the Missouri Supreme Court. Professor Kalen is active in the American Bar Association’s Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, having served as a Chair of two committees and Vice-Chair on several committees.

“We are delighted to have Professors Hoffmann and Kalen as part of our IU McKinney community,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “We are grateful to the McKinney family for making this new opportunity possible and know that our students, faculty and wider legal community will benefit greatly from their impressive legal scholarship and experience.”

The Robert H. McKinney Family Chair in Environmental Law was established with funding from the McKinney Family Foundation and was awarded for the first time in 2020. The school’s namesake, Mr. McKinney, and his family consider environmental sustainability as an integral aspect of the future of Indiana and their foundation serves as an advocate in this area. ♦
What’s Next? Environmental Policy at EPA and IDEM in 2021 and Beyond

The results of the 2020 election will bring significant changes to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and federal environmental policy. Join experts for the IU McKinney 2021 Virtual Environmental Symposium on Friday, March 5, titled “What’s Next? Environmental Policy at EPA and IDEM in 2021 and Beyond,” to hear about how those changes may affect environmental law at the national level and here in Indiana. The Zoom webinar will include a keynote address by Indiana Department of Environmental Management Commissioner Bruno Pigott. Check the law school’s event web page for more information. ♦

Environmental Law Earns “A” Grade

The Program in Environmental and Natural Resources Law at the IU McKinney School of Law earned an “A” grade in the Spring 2020 issue of preLaw Magazine.

The magazine “grades schools on the breadth of their curricular offerings.” IU McKinney offers more than 20 environmental law courses, as well as a Graduate Certificate, which can prepare students to practice in the fields of environmental law, natural resources law, water law, energy law, and utility law. Students can also apply for the ENR fellowship, or get involved in the student Environmental Law Society (ELS) and Moot Court. ♦

Constitutional, Legal, and Human Rights Examined during International Student Speaker Series

Master of Laws students from Peru, Ukraine, Uganda, and Nigeria spoke about legal issues of importance in their home countries during the first International Student Speaker Series event of the Spring 2020 semester. The lecture took place in the Faculty Lounge at Inlow Hall on January 16, 2020.

Brenda Alexandra Salas Lopez, an attorney from Universidad Andina del Cusco in Peru, discussed “The Constitutional Grievance Resource in the Peruvian Constitutional Tribunal: Former President Ollanta Humala Case.”

Olena Protseko is a Fulbright scholar from Ukraine, where she is a human rights attorney working for the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union. She presented a lecture titled, “Social Care Homes in Ukraine: Life Sentence without a Crime.” She graduated from IU McKinney in 2020.

Geofrey Lukwago Mpmulungi is the founding and managing partner of Iragaba, Lukwago & Co. Advocates in Uganda, where he has worked for six years. He discussed “Access to Justice for the Poor, Marginalized and Vulnerable People: Uganda’s Legal Position.”

Oluwafemi Oladunni is a lawyer from Nigeria. He presented on “The Challenges of Living with Disabilities in Nigeria.” ♦

Professor Mark Shope, ’12, Appointed Assistant Professor at National Chiao Tung University

Professor Mark L. Shope, ’12, was appointed Assistant Professor of Law at the National Chiao Tung University School of Law in Hsinchu, Taiwan. Professor Shope’s research areas include artificial intelligence, blockchain, and other legal technologies (LegalTech); design thinking; cross-border movement of pharmaceutical and biotechnology products; and online learning. Shope is committed to improving the way people learn, collaborate, and communicate through various technologies. He teaches International Business Transactions, English Legal Writing, AI and Law, Innovative Technology & Legal Practice, and Introduction to U.S. Law. He also coaches the school’s Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court team. ♦
IU McKinney Law Receives Grade “A” Rating in Human Rights Law

IU McKinney has received a grade of “A” in the area of human rights law from pre-Law Magazine. The news was publicized in its Back to School issue in September.

The Program in International Human Rights Law, under the direction of Professor George Edwards, is actively involved in human rights. Founded in 1997 by Professor Edwards, the program has embarked on an extraordinary range of global activities, including more than 250 intern placements in nearly 70 countries. Students work with private human rights organizations, governmental bodies, and the United Nations. In addition, dozens of McKinney students, faculty, staff, and alumni have gone to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Ft. Meade, Maryland, to monitor Guantanamo Military Commission hearings.

IU McKinney also is home to the Health and Human Rights Clinic, under the direction of Professor Fran Quigley, ’87. Clinic students engage in domestic and international human rights advocacy and litigation, usually concerning the social determinants of health. Students directly represent, under faculty supervision, low-income clients from the community and engage in advocacy in the form of trial court litigation, administrative hearings, appellate briefs, investigations and reports, and public education.

Many members of the IU McKinney faculty also are actively involved in human rights work, including Dean Karen Bravo. Her most recent publication, When Business Harms Human Rights: Affected Communities that are Dying to be Heard, is described by an expert in the field of business and human rights as “a first of its kind.” The publication, which is co-edited by Dean Bravo, Professor Jena Martin of West Virginia University College of Law, and Tara van Ho, Lecturer at University of Essex School of Law, was published in April by London-based Anthem Press.


Students from IU McKinney joined international students in filing a shadow report with the United Nations Human Rights Council. Students in Professor George Edwards’ International Criminal Law class took part in creating the report, as did students and faculty from Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Law in Bangkok, Thailand, and the Auckland University of Technology School of Law in Auckland, New Zealand.

The report, titled “Deprivation of Guantanamo Bay Prisoner Rights During COVID-19,” was presented in advance of a hearing in Geneva, Switzerland on November 9, which students and faculty who helped prepare the report attended as observers via Zoom. The United States government is scheduled to appear before the UN Human Rights Council as part of the Universal Periodic Review process. Each country must appear before the council every four years to report on how it is fulfilling its human rights obligations. The council can use the report as it formulates questions for U.S. government officials and as the council makes recommendations to the United States related to human rights conditions.

The next round of hearings takes place in February 2021, and the reporting group, led by Professor Edwards, will be able to nominate one of their number to speak during the hearing. This meeting also will take place via Zoom. These hearings typically take place in Geneva.

IU McKinney’s Program in International Human Rights Law has Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council. PHIRL was granted this status in 2011.

Professor Aziz Delivers IICLC Distinguished Lecture

Professor Sahar Aziz discussed “Whosoever Sees an Evil: Muslim Americans’ Human Rights Advocacy” at IU McKinney. The lecture was sponsored by the law school’s International and Comparative Law Center. The talk took place on February 13.

Professor Aziz is a Chancellor’s Social Justice Scholar, and Middle East Legal Studies Scholar, and Director of the Center for Security, Race, and Rights at Rutgers Law School. The event was moderated by Professor Frank Emmert, Executive Director of the Indiana International and Comparative Law Center, and Professor Mohamed ‘Arafa, S.J.D., ‘13, who is a visiting adjunct professor of law at IU McKinney.

Emmert Authors New Edition of Textbook

Professor Frank Emmert’s textbook, International Business Transactions, has been published by Carolina Academic Press. It is the second edition of the text, which was originally published in 2013.


Professor Emmert is an internationally recognized commercial arbitrator. At McKinney, he is the Executive Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law, and the John S. Grimes Professor of Law. He teaches International Business Transactions, International Commercial Arbitration, International Investment Law, World Trade Law, and European Union Law.
Delegation from Hanoi Law University Visits IU McKinney

Dignitaries from Hanoi Law University (HLU) traveled to IU McKinney and spent two days visiting the school, the IUPUI campus and the Indiana Statehouse in January of 2020. As part of the visit, representatives from IU McKinney and Hanoi Law signed an agreement to explore a partnership between the two schools. The Hanoi Law visitors were Dr. Tran Quang Huy, Acting Rector; Associate Professor Dr. Nguyen Van Quang, Head of the International Cooperation Department; Associate Professor Dr. Cao Thi Oanh, Dean of the Criminal Law Faculty; Dr. Doan Thi To Uyen, Vice Dean of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Faculty; Dr. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, Vice Dean of International Law; Dinh Thi Phuong Hoa, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages; and Trinh Thi Thu Huong, Head of the Department of Training Inspection.

“We were delighted to host this distinguished group from Hanoi Law University at IU McKinney,” said then-Dean Andrew R. Klein. “I am very pleased that our schools will have an opportunity to work together in the future.”

At IU McKinney, the visitors were able to meet with several members of the law school’s faculty and staff, as well as Master of Laws students who are from Vietnam. In addition to a tour of the law school from Professor Xuan-Thao Nguyen, the group toured the Ruth Lilly Law Library, and received a demonstration of one of IU McKinney’s interactive classrooms.

At the Indiana Statehouse, the Hanoi Law delegation met with then-State Senator John Ruckelshaus, and Supreme Court Justice Geoffrey Slaughter. Justice Slaughter also gave the group a tour of the Indiana Supreme Court’s courtroom. Justice Mark Massa, ’89, who teaches Introduction to the American Legal System as an adjunct professor, also met with the Hanoi Law visitors during their stay.

This isn’t the first time representatives from Hanoi Law University have visited IU McKinney during the 2019-2020 academic year. Vice Rector Vu Thi Lan Ahn of Hanoi Law spent time at IU McKinney in August 2019. Her son, Vu Phan, is a 2020 graduate of the IU McKinney LL.M. program in the Corporate and Commercial Law track.

International Women’s Day Speaker Series

Three Master of Laws students helped IU McKinney commemorate International Women’s Day by giving presentations on the law in their home countries. The March 10 lecture was part of the International Student Speaker Series.

Tamara Al Banna spoke about “Jordan: History of Migration and Consequences.” Al Banna is a corporate lawyer in Jordan, and she is studying the International and Comparative Law track at IU McKinney.


Ibironke Bunmi Ogunleye lectured on “The menace of human trafficking in Nigeria: Women empowerment as a means of curbing it.” Ogunleye’s practice in Nigeria focused on mediation, property, real estate, and corporate law. She is studying the Health Law, Policy, and Bioethics track.
IU McKinney Master of Jurisprudence Makes Positive Impact on Career Paths of IUPUI Staff

Staff members across the IUPUI campus have benefited from the Master of Jurisprudence program and taken advantage of their tuition benefits to make it happen. The M.J. is a degree for ambitious working professionals who regularly navigate the law in their work.

Michele George is a Student Employment Consultant in the Office of Student Employment at IUPUI. She graduated from the M.J. program in 2018.

“I believe my M.J. degree has been a great factor in being more educated and aware of changes in the law,” George said. “It allows me to be a better advocate for the students that I encounter, my colleagues that I work with, and the IUPUI community that I support.”

Gretchen Dennis is the Associate Director of Human Resources at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is a 2020 graduate of the M.J. program.

“Shortly after joining the IUSM and learning about the tuition reimbursement program, I started to look into programs at IU that might fit my professional and personal development goals,” Dennis said. “The M.J. program was exactly what I was looking for. Not only have I been more successful and effective in my current role, but I was recently promoted to an Associate Director role within my group.”

Connie Ely is Assistant Director of Finance and Administration at the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI. She is a current M.J. student.

“My current position at IUPUI is in finance and administration—human resources is a big part of what I deal with every day,” Ely said. “This degree has already helped me be better prepared to give, not only answers, but explain the why. I feel this degree has helped me be more inclusive and has helped to eliminate any biases that may occur in hiring/work related issues.”

Evelyn Safder is Assistant Director of Financial Aid in Scholarship Data and Systems at IUPUI. She graduated from the M.J. program in 2017.

“I believe that having this degree helps me with problem solving,” Safder said. “I read and gather facts more thoroughly before making any decisions, definitely more than I did prior to completing my degree in the M.J. program.”
GRADUATE STUDIES

Maureen Shiel is IU McKinney’s First M.J./M.A. Dual-Degree Student

Maureen Shiel hopes to take her passion for human rights work and how that intersects with philanthropy into the next stage of her career. She is the first student to enter the M.J./M.A. joint-degree program. When she elected to pursue the joint degree, she was a student in the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy graduate certificate program.

Shiel is no stranger to philanthropic work. She previously served in development at Indianapolis Contemporary, formerly known as the Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art. Shiel also is an artist, a painter who works with acrylics. Her art is contemporary, and she likes to represent natural elements in her work, like water and nature. Her background in yoga also sometimes manifests itself in her art through abstract symbols that reflect the principles of yogic tradition or philosophy. Shiel completed her undergraduate studies at Purdue University, where she majored in hospitality and tourism management. She worked at a tourism nonprofit entity after graduation, then left that post when her children were young. Back in the workforce at Indianapolis Contemporary, her interest in philanthropy was piqued.

“I’ve discovered a passion for human rights work,” Shiel said. She hopes to work in an area where basic human needs for things like healthcare, housing, and sanitation overlap with work in philanthropy.

IU McKinney has developed four joint degree programs: the joint M.J./B.S. in Informatics, offered with the IU School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI; the joint M.J./M.A. in Philanthropic Studies, offered with the IU Lilly Family School of Philanthropy; the joint M.J./Ph.D. in Urban Education Studies with the IU School of Education at IUPUI; and the joint M.J./M.S. in Agriculture Law with Purdue University.

New Joint Degree Program with Purdue is First in the U.S.

IU McKinney Law and Purdue University have embarked on a new partnership to offer a Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.)/Master of Science (M.S.) Agricultural Economics Program. The M.J./MS Agricultural Economics degree is the first to be offered in the United States and the unique curricular opportunity capitalizes on both institutions’ signature specialties—law and agriculture—to provide an essential foundation in agricultural law.

Purdue’s agricultural economics expertise offers an in-depth understanding of the food system’s economics and the economic concepts and theories required to make effective decisions in a dynamic industry. IU McKinney’s legal training emphasizes understanding regulatory oversight, administrative agencies’ roles, policy questions, and transactional structures, according to IU McKinney Vice Dean Cynthia Adams, Clinical Professor of Law.

“Agricultural law is a complex, and growing area,” Dean Adams said. “IU McKinney is pleased to offer this multidisciplinary education in agricultural economics and law, which will allow MJ/MS graduates to make creative and significant contributions in the food and agribusiness sector and contribute to policy-making in this field.”

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Indiana ranks 11th in the nation in agriculture sales, contributing an estimated $31.2 billion in sales to Indiana’s economy each year. More than $4.6 billion of those agricultural products are exported around the world. The joint institutional proximity of IU McKinney and Purdue to agribusinesses and other agriculture-based employers provides cutting-edge access to training and practical applications of legal and agricultural economics concepts in the field.

“We are excited to embark on this joint collaboration,” said Jayson L. Lusk, Distinguished Professor and Head, Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics. “Students trained in both law and agricultural economics should be uniquely prepared to have a positive impact in food and agriculture.”

The 51-credit MJ/MS program requires students to earn 30 McKinney Law credits and 21 Purdue University Agricultural Economics credits.
Miki Pike Hamstra Named Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs

Miki Pike Hamstra has been named Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs at IU McKinney Law. She previously served as Director of Graduate Programs, a role she undertook in February 2016.

Hamstra is a familiar face at Inlow Hall. She served in the Graduate Programs office from 2004 to 2007, when IU McKinney’s Master of Laws program was just beginning. Now in her position as Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs, Hamstra’s responsibilities include strategic planning, international and domestic recruitment, administration, student services, and advising to the law school’s Master of Laws (LL.M.), Master of Jurisprudence (M.J.), and Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) degree programs.

Hamstra has a passion for education which is evidenced by her own educational background in English, French, Education, International Relations, and Educational Psychology as well as her 13 years in the classroom as a teacher of middle school and college students in public, private, international, and online educational settings. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in Learning Sciences at IU and is a published researcher and frequent presenter at national and regional conferences, including the Indiana Association for the Gifted (IAG), Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE), and Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). She and husband James Hamstra, ’06, have three sons.

IU McKinney Welcomes New LL.M. Students for Fall Semester

A dozen Master of Laws students began their studies at IU McKinney during the Fall 2020 semester. Some traveled from far away, while others are from Indiana. The 12 students are from six different countries and join a total class of 30 LL.M. students from 17 different countries.

In its 18th year, IU McKinney’s LL.M. program offers opportunities for lawyers practicing in the United States to deepen their expertise in a particular area of law, preparation for lawyers licensed in other countries who wish to pass the bar exam in the United States, and help legal scholars advance their legal knowledge or prepare for a career in academia. Master of Laws students at IU McKinney are admitted to the LL.M. program prior to making their track choice. During orientation, students talk with faculty, staff, and students about the different program tracks, and then meet with an academic advisor, who assists them in deciding which track best matches each student’s career goals and interests. Track choices include: American Law for Foreign Lawyers; Corporate and Commercial Law; Health Law, Policy, and Bioethics; Intellectual Property Law; International and Comparative Law; International Human Rights Law; and World Trade Law.
Cynthia Baker completed her work as a contributing author to the textbook, *State and Local Government in a Federal System* (9th ed. 2020). Professor Baker updated the chapter on state and local government powers, including changes in home rule provisions and state preemption practices proposed by the National League of Cities in February 2020. She also contributed to the book’s chapter on public finance. This edition is particularly timely in that it integrates coverage of emerging legal issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and devotes increased attention to social justice issues including possible implications for government liability.

Professor Baker advised the two 2020 Program on Law and State Government Fellows, Alexis Weaver and Adam Steel, through their fellowship year. Adam and Alexis used their fellowship opportunity to explore differences among states regarding teacher standards, school funding, and student assessment. In particular, both fellows developed their respective scholarship on how those differences in state government law and policy impact failing schools. The culmination of their work resulted in the first-ever fully virtual PLSG fellowship symposium *Taxes, Teachers, and Tests: Government Responses to Failing Schools* that launched October 23. The symposium featured a live webinar component with legal scholar and author Derek W. Black and historian Richard Rothstein. The fellows prepared their pre-recorded fellowship presentations with the help of a team of wonderful alumni, including former PLSG fellows Marcus McGhee, ’16, April Keaton, ’18, and Rachel Blakeman, ’13. With terrific support from the IU community, the symposium also included a podcast, hosted by fellow Adam Steel, on state funding of struggling public schools, another first for the Program on Law and State Government fellowship endeavor.

On January 28, 2020, Professor Baker moderated a panel discussion *Ethics and Externships* in conjunction with the Experiential Learning Fair which took place at the law school. The panel comprised IU McKinney alumni and supervising lawyers for externships, Dale Pennycuff, ’17, of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission and James Strickland, ’18, a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Mark Massa, ’89, of the Indiana Supreme Court, as well as former externship supervising attorney and adjunct professor, Edye Edens, ’08, who advises the law school’s health law externships. The discussion referenced various starting points for professional ethics, ranging from the philosophical to the legal, and explored ways that externship students, supervising attorneys and judges, and faculty advisors can work together to gain a deeper understanding of our respective roles as ethical participants within our shared profession.

Professor Baker continued her work to improve the communal clinic spaces with art, including the law school’s commission of three works by Indianapolis artist and photographer John Gentry. The pieces were formally installed before the beginning of the fall academic semester. Professor Baker looks forward to welcoming the IU community to the clinic spaces in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brad Desnoyer was awarded a 2020 Indiana University Trustees’ Teaching Award. Professor Desnoyer presented at the IUPUI Scholarly Teaching Symposium, with the theme *Education Law: Creating an Online Asynchronous Course to Make Students Practice-Ready* in October 2020. He talked about creating an online course that assigned students regular, “practice-ready” assignments, such as e-memos. In addition, he was elected as a lead editor for the official scholarly journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, titled *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: Journal of the Legal Writing Directors*.


Dean Bravo and Two Alumnae Represent IU McKinney on “Women of Influence” List for 2020

IU McKinney Dean Karen Bravo is among the women named to the Indianapolis Business Journal’s 2020 “Women of Influence” list. She was joined by law school alumnae Cynthia Carrasco, ’06, and Marilee Springer, ’96. The award program took place in a virtual format October 28.

Dean Bravo is the 13th dean of the law school since its affiliation with IU in 1944, the first person of color and the second woman in the school’s history to lead the urban-based institution. She first joined the faculty of the McKinney School in 2004 as an assistant professor of law. Over the course of 16 years, she has served as associate dean for international affairs, associate dean for graduate studies and international affairs, and most recently as vice dean for the school. Dean Bravo recently was selected to lead the new Race and the Legal Process Working Group, which was created by the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (GIPC).

Carrasco, ’06, is deputy general counsel in the office of Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. She previously served as the state’s inspector general, and in the state’s Ethics Commission. She received IU McKinney’s award for Early Career Achievement in 2016.

Marilee Springer, ’96, is a partner at Faegre Drinker, where she focuses on corporate, governance, and tax and structuring issues.

Frank Emmert, the director of the Center for International and Comparative Law, was teaching International Investment Law and International Commercial Arbitration in the classroom at McKinney in the Spring. As did everyone else, he shifted his instruction to online delivery in March because of the pandemic. During the Summer, Professor Emmert taught European Union Law online and in the Fall, he taught International Business Transactions, International Commercial Arbitration, and International Trade Law online at McKinney, as well as another set of International Business Transactions in the classroom at the Maurer School in Bloomington. His online course on Academic Writing for Lawyers has been particularly popular since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, as more students are writing papers instead of other forms of assessments.

Professor Emmert delivered the manuscripts for three books in late spring 2020. International Business Transactions - Text, Cases, and Materials, was published by Carolina Academic Press (1142 pages, ISBN 978-1-9501-3701-5) and immediately received praise from colleagues like Professor George Bermann at Columbia University School of Law, and Datuk Professor Sundra Rajoo, the former president of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. The textbook is accompanied by IBT Documents Vol. I - Transactional Law Documents (810 pages, ISBN 978-1-9501-3799-2) and Vol. II - Dispute Settlement Documents (588 pages, ISBN 978-1-9501-3701-5), both published by the Council on International Law and Politics. During the Fall semester, students were already very appreciative of these new materials, containing all important conventions and laws governing IBTs, as well as more than a dozen model contracts with extensive explanations. The books make an important contribution to the offerings at IU McKinney, where the students can acquire certificates, inter alia, in international and comparative law, and in corporate and commercial law, by signing up for a number of mutually complementary classes, and build a solid foundation for their subsequent practice as attorneys or in-house legal counsel.

Nicholas Georgakopoulos collaborated on three articles with Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., who previously served as a Justice on the Indiana Supreme Court. The articles are: “Six Dimensions of Criminal Procedure,” 28 SUPREME COURT ECONOMIC REVIEW 181 (2020); “Illustrating Swing Votes I: Indiana Supreme Court,” 53 INDIANA LAW REVIEW 95 (2020); and “Illustrating Swing Votes II: United States Supreme Court,” 53 INDIANA LAW REVIEW 135 (2020).

John Hill published the book, The Prophet of Modern Constitutional Liberalism: John Stuart Mill and the Supreme Court, with Cambridge University Press in June 2020. The book argues that many of the constitutional rights doctrines of the last half-century or so—the right to privacy, broad protections for freedom of speech and gender equality—were ideas developed by John Stuart Mill (1806-73). More than anyone else, he deserves the title “the father of modern liberalism.”


Ben Keele, with Maggie Kiel-Morse, presented “Blooming Possibilities: ORCID and Other Tools for Faculty Scholarly Impact Metrics and Promotion” at the annual meeting of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries. Professor Keele, with Lee Little, presented “How MAALL States Deal with Legislative History” at the annual meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries.

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Gerald Magliocca received the IU McKinney Faculty Leadership Award in May 2020. Professor Magliocca was interviewed for an episode of the podcast series Clauses and Controversies, that was released in August 2020. He presented a virtual talk to the University of Wisconsin Law School on “Ogden v. Saunders and the Marshall Court” in September 2020, and the following month delivered a virtual talk on his forthcoming book Washington’s Heir: The Life of Justice Bushrod Washington to the NYU Law School Legal Colloquium. In addition, he published an article titled “Heart of the Constitution: The Bill of Rights” in American Heritage (Winter 2020). American Heritage is now an online magazine.

Janet McCabe was named a Distinguished Barrister as part of Indiana Lawyer’s Leadership in Law awards for 2020. In addition, she wrote or co-wrote several articles and letters to the editor. Among them are:


An op-ed in the Indianapolis Star on October 2, 2020, co-authored with Eric Sandweiss titled “Why Climate Refugees Could Bring Hope, Prosperity to Indiana” which can be found at https://www.indystar.com/story/opinion/2020/10/02/op-ed-why-american-climate-refugees-could-bring-hope-prosperity-indiana/3587238001/; an environmental brief co-authored for the Governors’ Candidates Committee Disability Policy Committee for the 2020 Platform. In addition, with Ben Keele, Professor Little presented “How MAALL States Deal with Legislative History” at the annual meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries.

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Faculty News


Professor Stephanie Hoffer Named to Jegen Chair in Tax Law at IU McKinney

A national expert in federal income taxation, Professor Stephanie Hoffer is the inaugural Lawrence A. Jegen III Chair in Tax Law at IU McKinney Law.

Professor Hoffer comes to the law school from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Her research explores the way in which procedural and substantive aspects of tax law affect the lives of individuals and businesses. She has published extensively and presented her work both at home and abroad, and her research on due process in IRS collections actions has been cited by federal courts. She is coauthor of a treatise on international taxation and has testified before both the IRS and state legislative committees on the role of taxation in the lives of individuals with disabilities. In 2017-18, she spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Austria, conducting research on comparative taxation.

Before joining the faculty at Moritz College of Law, Professor Hoffer was a visiting assistant professor at the Northwestern University School of Law. She previously served as a law clerk for Judge Alice M. Batchelder of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and, following graduation from law school, worked in the tax department of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. She holds an LL.M. in taxation from the New York University School of Law and a J.D. from Case Western University.

The Jegen Chair was created when former students, friends and colleagues raised more than $1.5 million in gifts to honor the late Professor Lawrence A. Jegen III, who retired in 2018 after 56 years of teaching at IU McKinney.

Professor Jegen began his career at the law school in August 1962, in the Maennerchor Building, then the home of the law school. He prepared hundreds of students to enter the legal profession and lectured to practicing lawyers, accountants, representatives of Congress and various divisions of the Internal Revenue Service. He authored numerous articles and book chapters, and drafted federal and state laws.

Professor Hoffer is a renowned scholar and teacher who will continue Professor Jegen’s legacy of scholarship and teaching, according to IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo.

“We are delighted to have Professor Hoffer bring her passion for tax law to IU McKinney,” Dean Bravo said. “We are very grateful to the individuals who have made this endowed chair possible, honoring Professor Jegen’s legendary service and contributions to our law school and the legal profession in a very important way.”

Professor Hoffer recalls meeting Professor Jegen on a visit to IU McKinney several years ago and knew of his formidable reputation. “Professor Jegen’s focus was also on the community. I relate to that very much,” Professor Hoffer said.

Professor Mohapatra wrote the problem for the National Health Law Moot Court competition and judged the final round of the competition. Additionally, she earned the Dean’s Fellow title and award at IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2019-2020 for outstanding scholarship. She serves on the Ethics Advisory Committee at the UNMC Global Center for Health Security.

Miriam Murphy presented “You’re in Charge: How to Avoid Wrong Turns When Setting the Pace” at the annual meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries.


Professor Orenstein served as an expert reviewer for WISE Indiana (Wellbeing Informed by Science and Evidence), served as a member of the COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Workgroup and Ethical Consider...
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Corrections and Criminal Code on behalf of the Criminal Justice Board of Governors of the Indiana State Bar Association in October, 1025 (Ind. Ct. App. 2020), which was argued before the Indiana Supreme Court in favor of sentencing reform.

Professor Schumm also delivered or moderated the following presentations: “Judicial Retention” during the IUPUI Voter Education Session webinar on October 22, 2020; “Litigating Release & Bond Pursuant to Criminal Rule 26 and the Indiana Constitution” to the Indiana Public Defender Council on August 26, 2020; served as a moderator for a panel discussion of “Indiana Appellate Institute Tenth Anniversary Celebration Featuring Professor Irv Gornstein of the Georgetown University Supreme Court Institute” for the Indianapolis Bar Association on July 8, 2020; “2020 Advanced Criminal Law,” for an Indiana Office of Court Services presentation to Indiana judges on June 24, 2020; and “Marion County Judicial Selection” to the Marion Superior Court.

Lahny Silva presented a virtual lecture at IU Maurer School of Law on October 28. She discussed her work regarding the problems that people face as they try to find housing, jobs, and a sustainable life after prison. Part of IU Maurer’s One School One Book programming on The New Jim Crow, Professor Silva’s lecture covered the challenges that have arisen because of the COVID-19 pandemic and provided background on reentry challenges prior to its onset.

Frank Sullivan, Jr., co-chaired IU McKinney’s Faculty Diversity & Inclusion Committee during the 2019-2020 academic year and continues in that role during the current 2020-2021 academic year. Professor Sullivan delivered a presentation titled “What is the Socratic Method of Teaching?” at the law school’s orientation program for first-year students on August 10. He was the moderator for a session titled “Constitutional Amendment in the World” at the annual INDIANA INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW Symposium on Constitutional Amendment: Making, Breaking, and Changing Constitutions on February 28. He was the faculty advisor for the law school’s Hispanic Law Society and its August A. Rendigs, Jr. National Moot Court Competition team. He is also the director of the law school’s Graduate Certificate in Corporate and Commercial Law and the LL.M. pro.

Margaret Ryznar and Professor Yvonne Dutton had an article titled Law School Pedagogy Post-Pandemic: Harnessing the Benefits of Online Teaching accepted for publication with the JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION (forthcoming 2021).

Joel Schumm was elected by public defenders in June to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Public Defender Council. Professor Schumm, 98, has since drafted two amicus briefs on behalf of IPDC, including in Yeager v. State, 148 N.E.3d 1025 (Ind. Ct. App. 2020), which was argued before the Indiana Supreme Court in November. He completed a two-year term on the Board of Governors of the Indiana State Bar Association in October, and in September testified before the Interim Study Committee on Corrections and Criminal Code on behalf of the Criminal Justice Section of ISBA in favor of sentencing reform.

SCRAP Partners with 1 Like Me to Help Community

The Second Chance Re-Entry Program (SCRAP), a student organization at IU McKinney organized in 2017, has partnered with a community organization to provide help to areas in Indianapolis where there is a lack of critical resources for individuals who were previously incarcerated. The group joined forces with 1 Like Me through the REACH court, which is an outreach program of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

SCRAP is helping 1 Like Me provide assistance with resumes and online employment applications, housing, driver’s licenses, and food pantries. Professor Lahny Silva is the faculty advisor for S C R A P . The group 1 Like Me was founded by Thomas Ridley, a previously incarcerated man who served time for a drug offense in a federal prison. IU McKinney students provide services through RecyclingForce, Volunteers of America, and Goodwill Commercial Services News Beginnings.

Frank Sullivan, Jr.

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gram’s Corporate and Commercial Law track.

Professor Sullivan collaborated on three articles with Professor Nicholas L. Georgakopoulos: “Six Dimensions of Criminal Procedure,” 28 SUPREME COURT ECONOMIC REVIEW 181 (2020); “Illustrating Swing Votes I: Indiana Supreme Court,” 53 Indiana Law Review 95 (2020); and “Illustrating Swing Votes II: United States Supreme Court,” 53 INDIANA LAW REVIEW 135 (2020).

As president of the Indianapolis Civilian Police Merit Board, Professor Sullivan addressed the members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department 21st Recruit Class at their swearing-in on July 13 and presided over monthly meetings of the board. As an adviser to the American law Institute’s American Law Institute’s “Principles of the Law: Policing” project, he participated in a meeting of the advisers on September 11 that considered general principles of policing; searches, seizures and information gathering; policing with individualized suspicion; informants and undercover agents; and the role of agency and other governmental actors in promoting sound policing.

Professor Sullivan helped lead the 20th Annual ABA Judicial Clerkship Program in Austin, Texas, February 13-15. The program encourages minority law students to seek judicial clerkships upon their graduation. For the 19th consecutive year, he designed the program’s research exercise—meant to illustrate the judge-clerk working relationship—in which judges and small groups of students work together to examine a closely-watched case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. He also moderated the program’s concluding plenary session in which approximately 25 judges answered students’ questions.

Professor Sullivan is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education and other events. On February 27, he spoke to the Indianapolis Law Club on “Liquidated Damages.” On June 19, he addressed the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness on the work of the Indianapolis Civilian Police Merit Board. On July 23, he returned to the Indianapolis Law Club and delivered remarks titled “The Backstory on Some Interesting Cases.” On August 11, he interviewed the Honorable Michael Kirby, a noted former Justice of the High Court of Australia, that country’s highest court, in a program sponsored by the Indianapolis Bar Association. On October 1, he spoke on “Banking, Business, and Contract Law” at the 2020 Indiana Law Survey, an annual CLE program that funds scholarships at IU McKinney. On October 8, he delivered remarks titled “What I’ve Learned about Justice” to the National Superintendents Roundtable, an organization of approximately 100 public school district superintendents from 30 states. During the fall semester, he also taught a short online course in the Law of Mergers and Acquisitions to students at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest, Hungary.

As member of the Indiana Business Law Survey Commission, Professor Sullivan participated in commission meetings on January 16, July 15, September 16, and October 14. As a member of the Indiana State Employee Appeals Commission, he participated in a commission meeting on June 17. As a member of the Indiana Supreme Court’s Commercial Court Working Group, he participated in a meeting of the Working Group on July 24. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Christamore House, a neighborhood service center in the Haughville neighborhood adjacent to IUPUI.

Larissa Sullivan, Head of Collection Services at the Ruth Lilly Law Library, was elected to serve on the National Executive Board of The Library Systems & Resource Discovery Special Interest Section (LSRD-SIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) as Vice Chair/Chair elect. This is the primary professional organization for technical services law librarians concerning metadata, electronic resources, and library systems, particularly library resource management systems, discovery systems, and bibliographic services and utilities. She also presented “Navigating the Impact of COVID-19 on Law Library Technical Services” at the annual meeting of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL).


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Professor Terry reports the following professional activities: contributing editor, Jotwell (Journal of Things We Like (Lots)) Health Law Section (2016-Present); consultant on “Consumer Protections for Genomics & Precision Health” NHGRI ELSI R01 (Wagner); grant recipient, COVID-19 law and policy rapid assessment IUPUI; co-investigator, ADAPT/COIN (NIH/NIDA).

Frances Watson was appointed to the Marion County Criminal Justice Advisory Council in 2020. In March 2020, she presented at the Indiana Public Defender Counsel Justice in Action Seminar in Indianapolis. On March 31, 2020, Wrongful Conviction Clinic client Andrew Royer was released from prison after a ruling by Special Judge Joe Sutton vacating his conviction for murder and granting a new trial. Professor Watson and her students co-counseled the representation of Andy Royer with the newly established Exoneration Project at Notre Dame. The case is presently on appeal taken by the State of Indiana. In April 2020, Professor Watson published the annual supplements to West’s Indiana Practice Series Criminal Procedure. At the August 2020, virtual National Association of Public Defender’s Women’s Conference, Professor Watson was honored to be recognized with a break-out room in her name, based on a nomination by a former student.

Tom Wilson taught contract law in the ICLEO Summer Institute program June 15 through July 22, 2020. ICLEO is a state-based program that helps college graduates from historically underrepresented backgrounds pursue a law degree and a career in the Indiana legal community.

Professor Wilson also conducted the 12th annual Program in American Law for Professors and Students from FAESA Centro Universitário in Vitória, Brazil, September 9 and 16, 2020. In the previous 11 years, professors and students from FAESA came to IU McKinney for a week of classroom instruction complemented by legal and cultural field trips. Because of the pandemic, the 2020 program had to be conducted on-line. Professor Wilson taught a class on the election process. He created the Program in American Law in 2009 and serves as the director.

On September 18, 2020, Professor Wilson delivered a lecture on the administration of federal and state elections to the International Women of Indiana, a group that serves the social and educational needs of more than 250 women from 45 countries.


On October 23, 2020, Professor Wilson spoke at a program on the legal cultural method of comparative law analysis at the University of Bergen Faculty of Law in Bergen, Norway. Because of travel restrictions, the program was conducted virtually. Other speakers were from the University of Oslo, Inland Norway University—Lillehammer, and University of Bergen.

Staff News

Heather Grimstad joined the Office of Student Affairs as Senior Associate Director for Student Affairs in 2020. Since 2018, she has served as the Associate Director of Graduate and International Programs, and prior to that position, she was the program coordinator for the M.J. and Chinese Law Summer Programs. In her new role, she directs wellness initiatives for students and works with student organizations. Additionally, she provides academic and personal advising to JD students, coordinates classroom and exam accommodations for students to ensure compliance with the federal law and with law school policies in coordination with IU’s Adaptive Educational Services Office, and manages several aspects of exam administration.

An Indianapolis native, Grimstad has a B.A. in Elementary Education and an M.A. in International Relations from the University of Indianapolis. She earned her J.D. in 2015 and an LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law in 2019, both from McKinney. She also has taught as an adjunct professor at the law school.

Brittany Kelly ’16, Associate Director of the Hall Center for Law and Health at IU McKinney, joined the Board of Directors of Disability Legal Services of Indiana, Inc. and was appointed lead of the organization’s Empower 2020 Campaign. This a year-end fundraising effort that takes place November 9 through January 1, 2021, with a goal of raising $25,000 to expand the organization’s services. Kelly also was appointed Secretary of the Board of Directors of Justice Indiana. In addition, Kelly, along with IndyBar Public Outreach Committee Co-Chairs, organized a service project/partnership between Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP) and the IndyBar. Every year, CHIP publishes its Handbook of Help, a resource guide for individuals experiencing homelessness. A group of law student volunteers worked to update the handbook, add new resources, and will disseminate handbooks among the community. The latest edition will be printed early in 2021. Kelly also was a panelist at the “Just Mercy Watch Party,” organized by the IU GME Multicultural Physicians’ Alliance, and was a speaker on the topic, “Legal Foundations & a Discussion of Health Equity,” a presentation for radiation therapy students.

Patricia Kinney ’02, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion at IU McKinney, spoke at the Legal & Ethics Conference November 19, 2020. The panel discussion, which she organized, considered the topic, “The Importance of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion in the Practice of Law.” The event was sponsored by the Office of the Inspector General.
1956
Henry “Hank” B. Blackwell and Nancy Blackwell celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in June. So far, three members of their family have graduated from IU McKinney Law and one more started this Fall, so counting themselves, they will have six McKinney alumni.

1971
C. Robert Knight is General Counsel of a Florida construction company serving as Corporate Representative in video depositions by insurance carriers, working from his home in Connecticut during this time of virus. He has been an active practitioner of law 49 years as of September 21, 2020.

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John Krauss was elected chairman of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission in July. He was reappointed to another five-year term on the commission in 2019. An agency of the Indiana Supreme Court, the Disciplinary Commission is responsible for investigating and prosecuting claims of misconduct against lawyers licensed to practice law in Indiana, and for protecting lawyers against unwarranted claims of misconduct. Krauss is the founding director of the Indiana University Public Policy Institute, and is a former Deputy Mayor in Indianapolis, among other public service stints in his career. He continues his service as chairman of the Arthur Jordan Foundation.

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Doug Church, ’70, Named Legendary Lawyer
Doug Church, ’70, has been named the Legendary Lawyer for 2020 by the Indiana Bar Foundation. He was honored for his 50 years of practicing law during a ceremony October 15. The Legendary Lawyer award was created to spotlight individuals whose career commitments in areas such as legal ethics, community involvement, public service, and professionalism demonstrate the high calling and higher achievement of lawyers in modern society. This award is annually presented to a member of the Fellows of the Indiana Bar Foundation.

Church is a partner in the Noblesville, Indiana, law firm Church, Hittle & Antrim. He was town attorney for Fishers from 1980 to 2015 and city attorney for Noblesville from 1988 to 1996. Church served as president of the Hamilton County Bar Association, president of the Indiana State Bar Association, president of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, member of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Bar Foundation and member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. Among his many community service endeavors, Church was a member of the Connor Prairie Board of Trustees and the Greater Indianapolis YMCA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Mark Shaw Collection Acquired by Purdue Archives
Mark Shaw, ’72, the author of 25+ books, and the former legal analyst for USA Today, ABC, and CNN, has donated his collection of work to the Purdue University archives. The California attorney and investigative reporter has published numerous books about the JFK and Lee Harvey Oswald assassinations, and the mystery surrounding the death of Dorothy Kilgallen.

These works include the The Reporter Who Knew Too Much and Denial of Justice, written about Kilgallen and her investigation into the Kennedy assassination. In all, Shaw, whose presentations and interviews have garnered more than two million views on YouTube, has written five breakthrough books about all aspects of JFK’s death, including Collateral Damage, to be published in April 2021. The collection now at Purdue also includes Kilgallen’s columns and articles about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

“Shaw’s work touches on some of the most interesting and impactful events and individuals of the 20th century,” said Beth McNeill, dean of libraries and Esther Ellis Norton Professor of Library Science at Purdue. “In this respect, the collection beautifully complements others at Purdue, like the Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong papers. All provide a rich, primary account of 20th-century American history.”

Shaw’s donation includes articles focused on his own legal career and videos of his appearances on television programs such as ABC’s Good Morning America. His books include publications centered on Indiana-connected subjects such as biographies of basketball hall of famer Larry Bird (Larry Legend), spy Jonathan Pollard (Miscarriage of Justice), and New York Yankees pitcher Don Larsen and his perfect game in the 1956 World Series (The Perfect Yankee). A mentor to other aspiring writers, Shaw also authored How to Become a Published Author, a practical guide to becoming published.

“I am so honored that my contributions to history will be included in Purdue’s archives so that students, faculty and the general public may use them for research,” Shaw said. More information about Shaw is available at www.markshawbooks.com.
president of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana. He is the 53rd president of that organization.

1982
Timothy J. Vrana has been named to the 2020 edition of Indiana Super Lawyers.

1983
Alex R. Murphy has published The Lost Innings: A Baseball Redemption, his first novel. He is currently working on his second novel, which focuses on a small-town lawyer who runs afoul of nefarious characters in the legal world. The second book is scheduled to be published in 2021.

James A. Reed has been named one of the “500 Leading Family Law Lawyers in America” by LawDragon 2020.

1984
Fred Glass, Indiana University’s former athletic director, has joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister as a partner to resume his private practice, which will focus on general business law as well as issues involving sports/media/entertainment, higher education, employment, and government matters.

1985
Melissa A. Proffitt was selected to serve a three-year term on the Indiana Black Expo Board of Directors. She was also granted emeritus status on the board of The International Center.

1988
Amy E. Karozos was named Indiana’s state public defender at the beginning of 2020.

1989
Stephen J. Akard has joined the Bose McKinney & Evans LLP’s Site Selection & Economic Incentives Group as a partner.

1993
Leonard C. Wolfe will become chairman and chief executive officer of Michigan-based Dykema, a leading national law firm, on January 1, 2021.

1994
Jeffrey L. Mastin was appointed as the Chief Administrative Law Judge in the U.S. Social Security Office of Hearings Operations in Salt Lake City, Utah.

1996
Gerald W. Roberts has joined the Indianapolis office of Dentons Bingham Greenebaum as of counsel in the corporate and intellectual property and technology practice group.

1999
Alexa L. Woods, of Indianapolis-based Densborn Blachly LLP, has been promoted to partner.

2001
David A. Adams has been promoted to chair of the real estate and environmental practice group at Krieg DeVault.

2002
Jennifer J. Drewry has been named the vice president of government affairs and compliance at the Indiana Retail Council. She previously served as vice president of government affairs and compliance for Sun King Brewing Co. LLC. In addition to four years in private practice at Bose McKinney & Evans, Drewry served as a prosecutor for the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission for 10 years.

2003
Thua G. Barlay, of Lueder, Larkin & Hunter LLC was elected to serve a three-year term on the Real Property Law Section Executive Committee of the State Bar of Georgia. He manages the firm’s Conyers, Stockbridge, and Covington offices, where his practice includes Estate Planning.

2004
Stephen M. Worth, Associate General Counsel and Head of Legal for Amazon Music, was selected by Billboard magazine as one of the top music lawyers in the country. Worth, who grew up in Rushville, Indiana and graduated from IU Bloomington with a B.A. in economics in 2001, joined Amazon in 2009. Worth and his team support Amazon’s physical and digital distribution of music globally, including vinyl and CDs, Amazon Music Free, Amazon Music Prime and Amazon Unlimited.

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Alumni Named as “Ones to Watch”

Focused on lawyers who have been in private practice between five to ten years, the inaugural edition of The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch was recently released. The publication recognizes 12,000 lawyers across 77 practice areas, based on recommendations by peers.

IU McKinney is happy to recognize the following alumni who have notified us of their honor: Sukrat Baber, ’14; Alyssa Cochran, ’14; Adriana Figueroa, ’15; Adam Ira, ’14, and May Li, ’14.

IU McKinney alumni were also recognized in the senior category of “Best Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers: Adam Arceneaux, ’93; Jeff Bailey, ’78; and James T. Burns, ’75.

If you are included in the Best Lawyers honors, please let us know by submitting your Class Note to eallingt@iupui.edu

Alumni, Professor Selected for Honors Lists

Thirteen alumni and one professor at the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law were named to the Indiana Lawyer’s 2020 Leadership in Law class of honorees.

Distinguished Barristers from IU McKinney are: Judge Cynthia Ayers, ’82, Marion Superior Court; Mary Feldhake, ’89, partner at Bose McKinney & Evans; Robert Grand, ’82, managing partner at Barnes & Thornburg; Jeff Heck, ’94, pro bono director at Indiana Legal Services; Thomas Henry, ’75, partner at Woodard Emhardt Henry Reeves & Wagner; Professor Janet McCabe, professor of practice at IU McKinney, and Alan Mills, ’82, partner at Barnes & Thornburg.

In the Up and Coming Lawyers category, honorees include: John Higgins, ’12, shareholder at Katz Korin Cunningham; Brian Jarman, ’10, partner at Barnes & Thornburg; Ryan Leagre, ’14, partner at Plews Shadley Racher & Braun; Nicole Makris, ’15, Cohen & Malad; Sabra Northam, ’12, associate at Barnes & Thornburg; Brittany Shaw, ’15, solo practitioner, and Jonathon Wright, ’10, general counsel at Hurco Companies.

Jane J. Handley has been selected for the Elder Justice Program, a two-year Equal Justice Works Fellowship program aimed at improving the national response to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Franck Litzler, LL.M, was named a Top 100 Financial Management Advisor by Top 100 Magazine. He is a wealth management advisor with Vontobel Swiss Wealth Advisors Ltd., part of the Swiss firm, Vontobel.

2005
Emily A. Benfer is a Visiting Professor of Law at Wake Forest University School of Law.
Melissa L. Coxey has been appointed the executive director of the Indiana Retail Council (IRC).

2006
Cynthia V. Carrasco was selected for the 30th Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series class.
Tonya L. Combs has been named to the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Board of Trustees.

Weissmann, ‘94, Appointed to Indiana Court of Appeals

Leanna Weissmann, ’94, a private practitioner in Aurora, Indiana, was named to the Indiana Court of Appeals in September.

A significant amount of Weissmann’s career has been undertaking appellate work. She has filed more than 400 appeals on both civil and criminal issues, and argued before the Court of Appeals, the Indiana Supreme Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court, where she won.

“Leanna Weissmann is one of our state’s most experienced and accomplished appellate lawyers. She represented clients in many cases before the Indiana Supreme Court when I was a member,” said Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr., who served on the Supreme Court for 19 years prior to joining the faculty at IU McKinney. “Both her briefs and her oral arguments were always well-researched and extremely persuasive. She will be an excellent member of the Court of Appeals.”

Weissmann, who grew up and resides in Aurora in Dearborn County, is the first appointee from southeast Indiana to join the appellate court in more than two decades. She replaces Judge John Baker, who also is originally from Aurora. Judge Baker retired in July 2020 after serving for over 30 years.

“I am humbled and honored to be appointed to the Court of Appeals,” Weissmann said. “I have a long history with this court and I am excited to continue to serve Hoosiers in my new role.”

Weissmann has been a member of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission since 2013. She also is an adjunct professor at Ivy Tech Community College in Lawrenceburg where she teaches four legal classes each semester. She previously served on the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Board.

Weissmann also is active in her community. She is a Life Member of the Girl Scouts and led a troop for 13 years. Additionally, she has served as a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

She was one of three finalists for the position, all of whom are IU McKinney graduates. Judge Lakshmi Reddy, ’97, of Vigo Superior Court; and Lisa Reger, ’94, who practices in New Albany, also were under consideration. This is only the second time that all three finalists for an Indiana appellate court judgeship were women.
Class Notes

General Counsel, Employment and Labor Relations, at Cummins Inc. Gaidoo joined Cummins in 2011 and has since worked in several roles, including as the global lead lawyer for the company’s Crisis Action Management Program, as Assistant Corporate Secretary and as Executive Director of Human Resources for Cummins’ Emissions Solutions business, and most recently the global leader of Cummins’ Labor & Employment legal team and its Corporate Labor Relations team. In recent months, he has advised senior business leaders on a broad range of legal issues as part of Cummins’ COVID-19 Risk Assessment team and he has co-led police reform work as part of a new initiative called Cummins Advocating for Racial Equity (CARE). Detra Mills has been named partner at Krieg DeVault LLP in its health care and labor and employment practice groups.

2010

Kayla Britton has been named to The American Bankruptcy Institute’s 40 under 40 class for 2020. She is a partner in the Faegre Drinker Indianapolis office.

2011

Detra Mills was honored with the Indiana Repertory Theatre’s Exemplary Board Service Award. She is a member of the organization’s board of directors, and served as the inaugural chair of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. Mills is Deputy General Counsel and Compliance Officer with Round Room Inc. She and one of Round Room’s brands, The Cellular Connection, were able to provide support as a corporate partner for IRT’s new Inclusion Series.

Raphael M. Ortega accepted a position as Assistant Chief Counsel with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of the principal Legal Advisor.

James K. Wisco was appointed to serve as county attorney for Morgan County by the Board of Commissioners at its meeting on December 27, 2019.

2012

Paul D. Mackowski has joined SmithAmundsen’s Indianapolis office as senior counsel to the tort litigation practice group. Thomas P. Rethlake has been named the City of Kokomo’s new city attorney.

2013

John B. Bishop has been promoted to partner with the law firm of Cohen Garelick & Glazier P.C.

Brock L. Easton has joined Alerding Castor LLP, has been promoted to partner. Easton has also been named an Indiana Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2020 in the areas of securities law and corporate finance.

2014

Stephen O. Abanise was promoted to Senior Trial Attorney at the IRS, Office of Chief Counsel in Laguna Niguel, California.

Brooke Smith has joined the Katz Korin Cunningham Litigation Practice Group with a focus on business and employment litigation.

2015

Paul T. Babcock was named interim president and CEO of the Health

Rogers, ’96, Named Interim Vice President for Development

The Indiana University Foundation has appointed Joyce Rogers, ’96, to the position of Interim Vice President for Development. Rogers will be responsible for providing strategic oversight of the development functions to uphold IU Foundation’s mission of maximizing private support for the university.

Rogers has served as Vice President of Development for the IU Foundation for the last seven years, working closely with the IU Office of Diversity, Equity, and Multi-cultural Affairs. Prior to her time at IU, Rogers served as Vice President for Development for Ivy Tech Community College, and also served in multiple leadership roles, including President & CEO for Indiana Black Expo, Inc., in Indianapolis.

She is Chair of the Board for the Madam Walker Theater and Chair of the Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County. In addition to her J.D. from IU McKinney, Rogers earned a Bachelor of Science from Indiana State University.
Mario Garcia, ’99, Named Magistrate Judge in Indiana’s Southern District

Mario Garcia, ’99, will become the first person of Hispanic heritage to serve as a Magistrate Judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Judge Jane Magnus-Stinson, ’83, Chief Judge, made the announcement December 4. The new magistrate judgeship was created by the Judicial Conference of the United States.

While in law school at IU McKinney, Garcia was awarded the Cale J. Holder Scholarship and the F. Emerson Boyd Scholarship. He also was a member of the Order of the Barristers and the Hispanic Law Society. The Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Committee which chose Garcia for the post was chaired by Professor Andrew R. Klein, former dean at IU McKinney.

After completing his legal education, Garcia joined the law firm now known as Brattain Minnix Garcia, where he became a partner in 2008 and is now Managing Member. He is a registered civil mediator and has extensive courtroom experience in both civil and criminal law, appearing in more than 500 hearings in Indiana’s federal and state courts in the last five years. He was chosen by the Indiana Federal Community Defender’s Office to lead the response to the pro se compassionate release filings under the First Step Act. He is a member of the Southern District’s Criminal Justice Act panel, representing indigent clients. He also has provided pro bono services for over 10 years through the District Court’s Re-Entry and Community Help (REACH) Program.

Garcia serves on the United States Sentencing Commission’s Practitioner’s Advisory Group and is on the District Court’s Local Rules Advisory Committee for the Southern District of Indiana. He volunteers throughout the greater community, including for the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Indiana Chapter. He served on the board of trustees (vice chairman) for The Orchard School and as member of the board of directors (past chair) for La Plaza, Inc. He also served as chairman of the board for the Indiana Federal Community Defenders, Inc.

United States Magistrate Judges are appointed by the Judges of the U.S. District Court for a term of eight years and are eligible for reappointment to successive terms. Garcia’s appointment will be effective no earlier than April 1, 2021.

Portia Bailey-Bernard, a summa cum laude graduate of IU McKinney, has been named Vice President of Indianapolis Economic Development at Indy Chamber. Bailey-Bernard most recently served as an attorney at Kroger Gardis & Regis and had previously worked at Barnes & Thornburg.

Janea L. Brounson has joined Faegre Drinker as an associate of its construction and real estate group.

Broadwell, ’01, and Gardner, ’04, Named to Marion Superior Court

Magistrate Judge Marshelle Dawkins Broadwell, ’01, and Magistrate Judge Ryan Gardner, ’04, have been named to two of the upcoming vacancies on the Marion Superior Court.

Judge Broadwell currently serves as a magistrate judge in Marion Superior Criminal Division 1, where she hears criminal, civil and family law matters. Before beginning her service as a magistrate judge in 2015, she served as a master commissioner for the Marion Superior Courts. She began her legal career as a trial and appellate attorney for the Marion County Public Defender Agency. She also worked for the City of Indianapolis’ Office of Corporation Counsel and has been in private practice. Outside of the courtroom, Broadwell serves on the Protection Order Committee and Language Access Advisory Committee. Broadwell is also involved in the Boy Scouts of America, the Crossroads of America Council Pathfinder District, where she serves as the Pathfinder District Commissioner. She will be appointed to the bench after Judge Barbara Cook Crawford, ’87, retires.

Judge Gardner currently serves as a magistrate judge in the Marion Superior Courts, Juvenile Division. Prior to his appointment as a magistrate in March 2019, Gardner was in private practice for 14 years, first at a firm and then as a solo practitioner. When he began his solo practice in 2008, he also served as a contract attorney in the Juvenile Division of the Marion County Public Defender Agency and following that, as a staff attorney with Child Advocates. Gardner serves on the Indiana Supreme Court’s Commission on Race and Gender Fairness and its Race, Equity and Inclusion Committee for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. Gardner was a founding board member of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana and previously provided pro bono legal services through the Legal Aid Project, the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic and the Marion County Bar Association. He will be appointed to the bench in Marion Superior Civil Division 10.
Captain Nick Hall served at Camp Lemonnier, located in Djibouti from September 2019 to June 2020. While there, he helped support the Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa as the Chief of Military Justice. In this role, Captain Hall assisted with disciplinary issues and provided a weekly briefing to the commander. He also did government contract law and operations law work. Captain Hall has been in the Air Force since May 2018, where he is a member of the JAG Corps. He is now stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, where he is the Chief of Operations Law.

Talitha Krenk, LL.M., and current J.D. student at IU McKinney, was interviewed by CNN Brazil after the results of the U.S. election for president were announced November 7.

2019

Tyler J. Hardcastle has joined the Indianapolis office of law firm Ice Miller’s Real Estate Group.

Katheryn Brooke Salazar has been added to the Family Development Services board of directors.

Carla Uhlarik has joined law firm Krieg DeVault as an associate in the firm’s Real Estate Practice Group. She will work from the firm’s Carmel, Indiana, office.

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Hilary K. Leighty has joined Krieg DeVault LLP as an associate attorney.

Virginia A. Talley has joined Krieg DeVault LLP as an associate attorney.

Danica Hostetler, ‘03, Takes Reigns as New Alumni Board President

Danica Hostetler, ‘03, is the new president of the IU Robert H. McKinney Alumni Association Board. She is Assistant General Patent Counsel, IP Litigation, at Eli Lilly and Company. Hostetler earned a B.S. in chemistry at IUPUI in 1992 while working in Lilly Research Laboratories and advanced to Associate Pharmaceutical Chemist in 1993. She earned a J.D., cum laude, from the McKinney evening program in 2003.


In 2015, Hostetler decided to become involved with the law school’s alumni association, motivated by “love of education and gratitude” and a colleague’s suggestion.

“I am from very humble origins, and school changed my world,” Hostetler says. “When I applied to IUPUI as a 17-year-old, I received a full academic scholarship which was life-changing. I love being a lawyer, too, so for me the opportunity to give back to the law school is very important.”

Her goals for her term of office are to increase the influence of the alumni association by being more impactful with students and expanding an active alumni network, while further fortifying scholarship opportunities.

“We’d like to get the word out that if you give us one hour or have one conversation with a student, you’ll be giving someone a great gift,” Hostetler says. “In that way, we fortify greatness in our profession.”

Adam Arceneaux, ’93, Leads Board of Visitors

Adam Arceneaux, ’93, is the new chair of the Board of Visitors for the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

A long-time board member and past president of the IU Alumni Board for McKinney, Arceneaux said he’s honored to take on the new leadership role. He is a 1988 graduate of the IU Kelley School of Business, earning highest honors and a B.S. degree in marketing and business analysis. He “quit a perfectly good job” to go to law school, he recalls, and never looked back.

“I was one of those people who loved law school. It was an exciting time of my life and a very positive experience,” Arceneaux said. “Part of my motivation to stay involved in the law school is to ensure that others continue to have similarly positive experiences at McKinney.”

Arceneaux is chair of Ice Miller’s Commercial Litigation Group. He has developed and implemented successful strategies for multi-million-dollar claims and litigated cases in state and federal courts in 22 states across the country.

He currently serves as chair of the Complex Commercial Litigation Institute of the Litigation Counsel of America honorary society.

“In my work, the great majority of judges, colleagues, opposing counsel, state and federal elected officials that I encounter are McKinney alumni,” he said. “Students are really our future leaders. I can’t think of a more important and exciting thing to invest in.”

In addition to his work on behalf of his alma mater, Arceneaux has been active in his Hamilton County community. He serves on the boards of directors for the Center for Performing Arts and the Hamilton County Community Foundation. He is a trustee of the Indiana Historical Society.

The IU McKinney Board of Visitors is really a “board of supporters,” helping to ensure that students get a world-class legal education, he said. “It’s a role that all alumni can adopt,” Arceneaux added.

“Whether you volunteer as a Moot Court judge, mentor, attend events, help a student find a job, or make annual financial contributions, we can all play an important role at our law school,” he said.
Centennial Professor of Law Emeritus Paul Noel Cox, 71, died at his home in Eastport, Maine, on September 5, 2020. He retired as Vice Dean and Centennial Professor of Law from the IU McKinney School of Law in 2012, after 26 years on the faculty.

“The law school community mourns the passing of Emeritus Professor Paul Cox,” said IU McKinney Dean Karen E. Bravo. “In his more than two decades as a faculty member and administrator, Paul was an exemplar of professionalism and kindness to all of us—students, faculty, staff, and alumni. On a personal note, Paul was my assigned mentor when I first joined the faculty. I continue to benefit from his example and guidance,” she said.

Professor Cox was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on March 17, 1949, to Herman and Carole (Christmas) Cox. An accomplished legal scholar, he graduated first in his class from the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, earning his J.D. degree (Order of the Coif) in 1974 after completing his undergraduate studies at Utah State University in 1971. He earned an LL.M. from the University of Virginia in 1980. Professor Cox served as a law clerk to Judge Robert H. McWilliams, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1971 and served on active duty as a JAG officer at the rank of Captain (1974-78).

Frequently contributing to law reviews, Professor Cox also authored several books, including Employment Discrimination and The Law of Employment Discrimination: Cases and Commentary. Professor Cox spent more than two decades in legal education, with six years at Valparaiso University before joining the IU McKinney faculty in 1986.

His obituary noted that Professor Cox “had a great love of the ocean and liked nothing better than sitting by a crackling fire with a good book and a blizzard blowing outside. He long planned his retirement to Eastport where he and his wife, Chris, filled their days with joyful activities, including cruising his boat in the bay, whale watching with Butch and Skip and Happy Hour with friends.”

He is survived by his wife, Chris Cox; mother, Carole Cox; three children, Jennifer Cox of Hawaii, Kimberlie McCammon of Indiana and J.C. Neel and his wife Tracey of Bar Harbor, Maine; two grandsons, Jordan McCammon, Sr. and Samuel Neel; a great-grandson, Jordan McCammon, Jr.; sister, Cathryn Astin and her husband Marc of Idaho and several nieces and nephews.
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Clifford W. Browning, ‘78
Clifford W. Browning, ’78, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2020, at age 69. Cliff was born on August 8, 1950, in Paris, Illinois. He graduated with distinction from Purdue University in 1972 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He joined the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Wichita Falls, Texas at the Sheppard Air Force Base. He served as an assistant U.S. Army Signal Liaison noncommissioned officer and a supervisor of U.S. Army personnel. He graduated from the IU McKinney School of Law, cum laude, in 1978. As a student, he participated in the INDIANA LAW REVIEW. He spent most of his working years at Kreig DeVault (1980-1984, 2006-retirement) and as a partner at Woodard, Emhardt, et al (1984-2006). He was an adjunct professor at IU McKinney Law for many years. He joined Indianapolis Sailing Club in 1982—becoming a commodore from 1997-1998, and a lifetime member, competing in races throughout the country and around the globe. Cliff was preceded in death by his wife, Minde C. Browning, a former assistant director of the law library at IU McKinney. ◆

Thomas G. Burroughs, ‘90
Thomas G. Burroughs, ’90, of Carmel, passed away on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at age 62, from complications of the coronavirus. Born in LaGrange, Indiana, Tom graduated summa cum laude from the IU McKinney School of Law. He also received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in Accounting from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. Tom was a shareholder at the Indianapolis law firm of Katz & Korin from 2006 until he left in 2017 when he accepted an in-house position with a client of the firm. Regarding Tom’s life as a lawyer, one of his former law partners said it best: “Tom was a smart and skilled lawyer whose practice spanned a wide spectrum of areas. More importantly, Tom was a kind, compassionate, selfless man who was always sincerely interested in the well-being of others. He was beloved by his professional colleagues and support staff alike.” ◆

Judge David C. Cates, ’85
The Honorable David C. Cates, ’85, passed away on December 9, 2020, at age 61. Judge Cates was elected Judge of Kosciusko Superior Court 1 in 2014. Prior to his service on the bench, Judge Cates served as the Wawasee Community Schools Corporation attorney from 1987 to 2013. He was a member of the Indiana State and Kosciusko County Bar Associations, ABATE of Indiana, Ducks Unlimited, the National Rifle Association, John Purdue Club, Kosciusko County Purdue Alumni Club, Calvary United Methodist Church and American Legion Herbert Kuhn Post 253, and was also a registered mediator. He served on the Republican staff of the Indiana House of Representatives from 1981 to 1984, and was past executive secretary of the Indiana Judicial Study Commission. Judge Cates was a graduate of Ben Davis High School, Purdue University, and a cum laude graduate of IU McKinney. ◆

Babatunde Elegbede, LL.M., ’19
Babatunde Elegbede, LL.M. ’19, of Indianapolis, died May 16, 2020, after a traffic accident. He was 35. Babatunde was born April 8, 1985, in Lagos, Nigeria. Before coming to the United States in December of 2017, Babatunde lived in Iboro, North Egbado North LGA, Ogun State, Nigeria. He attended school at Iganmode Gram-

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John E. Hegeman, ’85
John E. Hegeman, ’85, passed away on May 1, 2020. Born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 16, 1948, John graduated from the St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, then attended St. Louis University, receiving a B.S. degree in political science in 1972. He graduated from IU McKinney Law in 1985. John began his law practice at Kahn Dees Donovan and Kahn in 1985 and continued to practice there for thirty-two years. His primary areas of practice were probate and trust law, business and tax law, estate planning and administration, and guardianships and adoptions. He was a Certified Indiana Trust and Estate Lawyer and served in several civic and non-profit organizations, including serving as a Commissioner on the Evansville Police Merit Commission, a member of the board of Tales and Scales, and as a board member of the Friends of Mesker Park Zoo. John was a member of the Evansville, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations, and the Evansville Bar Foundation. He served on the diocesan Catholic Charities Board and as a member of his parish’s St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference. ◆

Judge Ryan Dale Johanningsmeier, ’00
Judge Ryan Dale Johanningsmeier, ’00, of Edwardsport, Indiana passed away on August 29, 2020, at age 44. Judge Johanningsmeier was born in Vincennes, Indiana. He graduated from North Knox High School in 1994, Purdue University (with highest distinction) in 1997, and the IU McKinney School of Law with honors in 2000. He began his legal career in private practice before taking a position with the Indiana Attorney General’s Office. He returned to Knox County and was elected Judge of Knox County Superior Court II in 2014.

As Judge, his leadership was instrumental in establishing the Knox County Drug Court. True to his passion for helping people, this program offers an alternative to jail for those struggling with addiction and supports them in recovery. It was an accomplishment in which he took great pride. Active in the community, Judge Johanningsmeier served Bethel Church as a leader of the Church Council and as a Sunday School teacher. ◆

Swadesh Kalsi
A long-serving adjunct professor and friend of IU McKinney, Swadesh Singh Kalsi, died in Columbus, Indiana, on September 27, 2020, at age 77. Kalsi began his legal career at Cummins Engine Company, and later was a founding partner of the international law practice group at Kreig DeVault in Indianapolis. He served for over three decades as an adjunct professor at IU McKinney, teaching international law. “Swadesh Kalsi was a true friend of the law school,” said IU McKinney Dean
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Karen Bravo. “The McKinney community, including generations of students, benefited from his generosity, dedication, commitment and knowledge. Our community mourns his loss.”

Born in Nairobi, Kenya, on April 10, 1943, Kalsi graduated, cum laude, from the London School of Economics, and was an English barrister, having studied law at Lincoln’s Inn in London. He received an LL.M. in environmental and international law from George Washington University. He also received certificates in international law from the Academy of American and International Law in Plano, Texas, and from The Hague Academy of International Law in The Netherlands.

Kalsi was a founding Director and first President of the International School of Indiana in Indianapolis and served on multiple not-for-profit boards and pro-bono engagements.

Alan Klineman, ‘56

Alan Klineman, ’56, died September 15, 2020, at age 89. He founded the law firm Klineman Rose, which later became Klineman Rose Wolf and Wallack, and served as the first chair of the Indiana Gaming Commission.

Born in Washington, D.C., he moved with his family to Indianapolis in 1937. He graduated from Shortridge High School, and Indiana University before enrolling in the evening division at IU McKinney. Klineman was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of the school in 1996.

Klineman was active in the Marion County and Indiana Democratic parties. He served as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County and was elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1964. Klineman was a member of the Carmel Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. He also served on a number of foundations and boards, including the English Foundation, the Carmel-Clay Educational Foundation, and the Indianapolis Foundation. He was honored as a Sagamore of the Wabash and as a Kentucky Colonel.

Klineman established the Alan I. Klineman Scholarship fund at IU McKinney to help students achieve their dreams of obtaining a legal education. Klineman was a lifelong member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

James C. McKinley, ‘87

James C. (“Jim”) McKinley, ’87, passed away on April 23, 2020. Jim was born in Syracuse, New York, on July 10, 1950. He graduated from Sandia High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1968, and received his bachelor’s degree from the University of New Mexico. Over the next several years, Jim worked a wide range of jobs including as manager of his father’s automotive parts warehouse and machine shop in Albuquerque. In 1987, Jim graduated summa cum laude from the IU McKinney School of Law, clerked for Indiana Supreme Court Justice Brent Dickson, and joined the law firm of Ice Miller Donadio & Ryan as an associate attorney in the firm’s labor section. Jim remained in private practice until 1999; at which time he joined the Indiana Federal Community Defenders office as a staff attorney in Indianapolis. Over the next 11 years, Jim represented more than 1,000 clients charged with a wide range of federal crimes in U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals. In 2009, Jim returned to private practice, but continued to devote his practice exclusively to the representation of the indigent. Jim was the recipient of several awards over the course of his career, including the Sagamore of the Wabash and the Thurgood Marshall Award for distinguished service in representing the indigent.

Franklin “Frank” Miroff, ’65

Franklin Miroff, ’65, passed away on September 18, 2020, at the age of 82. He was a graduate of Shortridge High School, Indiana University and its McKinney School of Law. He was a life member of the IU Alumni Association and a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. Following college graduation, he served in several capacities in regional positions for ZBT. In law school, he was on the law review staff and the National and Interdivisional moot court teams. He received the AFNB and A. Bradshaw Patrick Awards for his moot court participation.

He retired after more than 48 years of active practice, having litigated matters at the trial level, Appellate, Indiana Supreme Court, U.S. District Court, and 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago. In the last half of his career, he concentrated on family issues, custody and adoption. He was recognized in the Best Lawyers in America from its initial publication for more than 25 consecutive years until his retirement. He was also featured in a USA Today article about family law in Indiana. He was elected a Fellow to both the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the American Academy of Adoption Lawyers. He co-authored two books on adoption, and lectured at bar association seminars throughout the country. He also taught as an adjunct professor at the IU law school. He was a charter member of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation, served on the Legal Aid Society Board, the IU McKinney Law Alumni Association Board, the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Board, and the Jewish Community Center Board, among others, and was a recipient of the David Cook Award (JCRC) for his volunteer participation in the Jewish and general community.

Judge Raymond S. Robak, ’65

Judge Raymond S. Robak, ’65, of Greenfield, Indiana, passed away Saturday, February 22, 2020, at age 84. He was born in Hammond, Indiana, on February 2, 1936, and graduated from Bishop Noll High School in Hammond, in 1954. He received a 4-year football scholarship to Arkansas State University and graduated in 1958. Immediately following college, Judge Robak served in the US Army and left active duty in 1960 as a First Lieutenant with a Ranger Tab. He then attended law school in the evening division at the IU McKinney School of Law and was licensed to practice in 1965. Judge Robak practiced law in Hancock County from 1965-1999. He was the Hancock County Circuit Court Judge from 1999-2000 and was appointed Senior Judge from 2001-02. Judge Robak was a former member of the Hancock County, Indiana State, and American Bar Associations. He was also a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church and was an avid fisherman.
Upcoming Events

For updates on all IU McKinney Spring 2021 Events and CLE programs, check the school’s website: mckinneylaw.iu.edu

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